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The monthly meeting of this Council was held on Wednesday night, at the Public Offices, of the Rank Buildings, Shotley Bridge.—Coun. Joshua Ellis, J.P. (chairman), presiding. The other members present were:—Messrs James Annandale, J.P., T. Priestman, J.P., Geo. T. Robinson, Wm. Wheatley, Jos. Ettringham, Ed. Sloane, J. Heymer, G. Parnaby, W. H. Alexander, W. Telford, Robt. Reedley, the Clerk (Mr. J. Booth), and the surveyor (Mr. John Dixon).

The Standing Orders.

The Clerk reported that the Committee appointed at their last meeting to consider the question of the Standing Orders for the Council's purposes.

Mr. Parnaby proposed that each member should be furnished with a proof copy of the Orders before the final passing of the same.

This was seconded by Mr. Heymer, and agreed to.

The Council's Proceedings.

The question of admitting the public to hear the Council's deliberations was finally disposed of by the Clerk pointing out that the public could not be admitted into the Council's Chamber, for the purpose of hearing the business, without the permission of the Council.

The Obstruction in Mary Street.

The surveyor reported that certain work had yet been done by the Consett Iron Company, in the removing of the Mary Street gates.

Mr. Wheatley considered it was time this question should be disposed of.

Mr. Parnaby: What is wrong with the fence?

The Chairman explained that the fence widened land that should be set aside for a footpath, and the question is now pending between the surveyor and Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Parnaby: Mr. Oliver can be seen any day.

The Surveyor said the question was taken out of his hands, and was now under the control of the Clerk and the solicitors for the Consett Iron Company.

The Clerk said he got a letter from the solicitors to the Consett Iron Company, asking him to give them a call the first time he was in Shotley Bridge; but he got no instructions as to what he was to do.

Mr. Parnaby: How are we standing?

Mr. Ettringham said the fence enclosed ground, which was intended for a footpath. They had asked the Consett Iron Company to remove the fence, and such had not yet been done. They had never received any instructions as to what he should do.

Eventually, the Clerk was instructed to write to the Consett Iron Company, pointing out that Mr. Ettringham and the Surveyor had been appointed a deputation, to meet the general manager (Mr. Jones Ainsworth), and Mr. Oliver, respecting the removal of this fence, so as to get the dispute settled.

This resolution was proposed by Mr. Parnaby, and seconded by Mr. Sloane.

Proposed Crossing at the Railway Station Gates.

It was reported that the Durham County Council had refused to sanction the laying down of a crossing on Durham Road, near the Railway Station Gates.

Mr. Parnaby: Have we to have permission before we can do this work.

The Chairman: Yes.

The New Sewerage Scheme.

When Will it all Cost?

The Sanitary Committee submitted the following report:—

A letter from Mr. Marshall was read, and it was proposed by Mr. C. Ettringham, seconded by Mr. Telford that the surveyor of this Committee, write to Messrs. E. and J. R. Taylor, the contractors, and ask them to forward an estimate of the cost of the following works:—

(1) Take down the present mixing house, remove, and re-build, on a site in the same field by the side of the Bridge Hill Road, at the west end of gateway.

(2)—Take up the drain across the field from mixing house to the manhole, and re-lay from the manhole to the intended site of the new house. Also the extra cost of a 9 inch, drain from the storm overflow to the mixing house, on the intended site.

Another meeting was held on the 16th inst.

It was proposed by Mr. W. Telford, seconded by Mr. C. Parnaby, that the Chairman be asked to call this meeting, when considering Mrs. Marshall's letter, named the removal of the mixing house, and the surveyor, by the Committee, instructed in the position suggested by the Committee, asked the Chairman to write to the contractors, asking for terms for making the necessary alterations, with the having been done, the Committee are satisfied that the contractors have not been particularly courteous to reply to their inquiry, and now decide to ask the Council to request the Clerk to write and say that the surveyor be asked to prepare an estimate of the above cost.

Mr. Ettringham: (to the Surveyor): Have you received any letter?

The Surveyor: No.

Mr. Ettringham said that he asked the contractors to send the letter to him or the Surveyor. They had received no such letter, and he did not think the Council now to decide what shall be done.

The Surveyor: We will have to decide something. Before next meeting it might simply be fresh weather, and the contractors will perhaps go on with the building.

The Chairman: I think we had better refer this question back to the Committee.

Mr. Telford: What is the use. We cannot do anything.

Mr. Ettringham: We have done all we can. We are now waiting for an answer to the letter.

The Chairman: I think we can give the Committee fresh instructions.

Mr. Ettringham: I consider the Committee is placed in a very awkward position. We have asked the contractors to answer a certain letter they refuse to do so, and now we are asking them for the cost of an estimate from the contractors, so as to get to know what the cost of the work will be.

The Chairman: I think it would have been better if Messrs Taylor had answered the letter.

Mr. Parnaby: I think we should insist upon the contractors to supply the Surveyor with a list of quantities in detail for the contract. If this was done they would not allow them to carry on everything with a high hand.

Mr. Heymer: I think there should never have been a stone laid on the ground till everything was now completed.

Mr. Ettringham, after the contractors signed the contract, the prices were delivered in large sums, and they accordingly got the money.

Mr. Wheatley: I think the mixing chamber should be removed out of the gateway.

Mr. Sloane: Why cannot the surveyor give us this estimate?

The Surveyor: I can do so.

The Chairman: Have you got the estimate.

The Surveyor: Yes.

Mr. Sloane: Let us have it.

The Surveyor submitted the estimate, which the members pronounced satisfactory.

After further discussion, Mr. Parnaby moved the following motion:—

"That the Surveyor having submitted two prices for removing the mixing house and re-building it on the site with the sewerage scheme, it be an instruction to him with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Sanitary Committee, to make such alteration in order to enable Messrs Taylor to order Messrs Taylor to do so they deem necessary, such alterations being in accordance with the scale of prices they have contracted for. Also, that all further breaking of ground be made a matter of instruction with the owners of the ground."

This was seconded by Mr. Heymer, carried.

Lighting, Highway, and Financial Committee's Report.

The following including the accounts unpaid at the last meeting of the Council, were recommended to be paid:—Surveyor's monthly pay bill, £59 7s 8d; Consett Iron Company, £5 7s. 6d; Telford Taylor, £2 2s 6d; Mr. Charles Summerson and Co., £82 7s 9d; Shotley Bridge Gas Company, £119 5s 9d; Messrs E. and J. R. Taylor, £10 0s 6d; Geo. Christopher, £35 19s 9d; Mr. H. Stephenson, £2 9s 10d; Mr. Wm. Herring, £1 1s; Messrs Shaw and Sons, 3/6; Mr. W. T. Ettringham, £5 5s 5d; Shotley Bridge Co-operative, 8s 10d; Messrs Hadden, Best, and Co., 11/3; Mr. Jas. Foster, £3 6s 0d; Mr. J. Hudson, delivery of gas, 7s 6d; total, £465 1s 4d.

The Committee have inspected Dale Street, Front Street Place, and Dixon Street, and report that the Gas Company be called upon to lay down on the north side of Dale Street, and from the foot of Mary Street, around to the end of Front Place, and continued along that street, the Board undertaking to have erected not less than three public lamps, equal to that in Dale Street.

(1) A Bray lamp be put in at the top of Dale Street, instead of ordinary one placed there now.

(2) That one lamp be placed in the middle.

(3) And at the bottom of the lower corner north side, of the same street, sufficiently high to light the approach to Prospect Place and Front Place this week.

(4) That a lamp be placed in Back Prospect Place opposite the new property abutting on the east side.

(5) That the lamp at the foot of Mary Street be taken down, and a bracket lamp be placed on the lower corner, which will meet sufficiently light the entrance to Prospect Place.

(6) That the Gas Company also be asked to continue their main along new Dixon Street, and continue their main along new Dixon Street, and continue their main along new Dixon Street, and that the Board will place a lamp in the middle, and one at the north end of same.

Your Committee inspected Mr. Wheatley's stable near Bridge Hill, and found it in a bad sanitary state; and think that it comes more within the province of the Sanitary Committee, than that of the Highway, and suggest that it be referred to the former for report at the next meeting of this Council.

Your Committee suggest that with reference to the lighting of St. Mary's chare, thither it would be a great boon to the new houses near Bridge Hill, who pass to and from the ironworks, during the night, were it lit all night, during the lighting season, and that the sum of £5 per annum be offered to Rev. Mr. Foran, to undertake payment of gas consumed, lighting, and extinction of the same.

Your Committee think that our Clerk should be instructed to write to the County Council asking for an annual payment in accordance of our Highways, from moneys due at the end of March of this year.

Your Committee had a conversation on the advisability of purchasing the lamp columns from the Gas Company before the commencement of next lighting season, and would like the Council's opinion upon it.

Chapels.

On the proposition of Mr. Ettringham seconded by Mr. Wheatley, the accounts were passed, and orders were ordered to be paid.

The Lighting of Streets.

On the motion of Mr. Jas. Annandale seconded by Mr. Robinson, the maintenance of the Lighting Committee were approved of.

Mr. Wheatley's Stable.

The question of damage to Mr. Wheatley's property in the Bridge End, Shotley Bridge was referred to the Sanitary Committee.

Sanitary Committee's Report.

This Committee reported as follows:—

The question of water supply in Walton Street, Blackhill, received our attention. On the west side of the street there are 11 houses, and 7 cards supplied by a hydrant, in West Row, to the south end of this street. At 3 Front Row, and on the north end of Bottle Bank, which is 17 yards from the south end of Walton Street. On the east side of this street there are 10 houses belonging to Mr. Wm. Christopher's estate. The tenants, Mr. Christopher's houses, has the water laid in, by footpipes, but they have to get their water from the above hydrants, or from one in the middle of the street, and at the north end, in the middle of Walton's Street. There are 8 houses in this street, that have neither tap or water house.

Your Committee recommend the Board to "fall the Clerk's advice as to the proper course to accept to be supplied with the present hydrants too far away.

A very lengthy discussion having taken place on this question, and the Committee eventually agreed to the advice given. It was proposed by Mr. C. Parnaby, seconded by Mr. W. Telford, that the matter be adjourned for further information before we offer any report.

Plans for new schools and other works intended to be built at Benfieldside Road for the Benfieldside School Board we recommend to be passed.

A plan showing a row of 15 houses on land belonging to the Consett Iron Company, behind the Board Inn at Dixon Street, Blackhill, showed that the 36 ft. between the houses is intended to be made a garden property, and not to be erected on the middle. This plan is in order, was the exception, and we, the Committee, think that it is contrary to the bye laws and the custom adopted previously.

The Closing of the Ashpits.

Mr. Ecclse, I ——— to ask a question or two respecting the pleasure of the Sanitary Committee.

Have I a right to express my views on the question of cleaning the ashpits, whilst sitting on the Sanitary Committee.

The Chairman: Yes.

Mr. Eccles: I may say that I have been presented from doing so by the Chairman of the Committee.

The Chairman: Perhaps you got out of order. (Laughter.)

Mr. Eccles: I did not. I never got the chance.

Mr. Parnaby explained that the question was discussed for a considerable time, and seeing that nothing definite was arrived at, he suggested that the Chairman of the Committee accordingly left the chair, owing to his not having a proper power to attend to. There was really nothing in it.

Mr. Eccles: So far as I can see, the Committee meeting seemed of the members spoke their views on the question. Then the Committee were not ordered by the Chairman to confine himself to the Chair, but he left the Chair, and then attacked him in the Chair. (Laughter.) He questioned this action towards an individual member.

Mr. Ettringham: Oh, no.

Mr. Eccles: I have got the chair. Now he contended that the question was not the only wanted fair play.

Mr. Ettringham said at one of the meetings the question was discussed till after 12 o'clock, and Mr. Eccles objected to him, because he asked him if he had any motion to bring forward. Some of the members present had left the table, and he accordingly followed suit. At the next meeting night, the same thing occurred, and Mr. Eccles left the table, and he followed suit, and Mr. Parnaby and Mr. Telford had to call Mr. Eccles to order.

The Chairman: I think we had better go on.

The Chairman: I think the Council can do nothing in the matter. The Sanitary Committee could easily be amended, if Mr. Eccles would go on the Committee.

Mr. Eccles: Yes. If I will his down beneath me. (Laughter.)

The Chairman: Nothing of the kind. You will go on the Committee.

Mr. Eccles: Very good I will give him another turn and I'll be pleased to go on. I'll be all right. If not, there will be more about it.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply in Walton's Row.

This question was referred back to the Sanitary Committee.

Plans.

The plans presented by the Benfieldside School Board were passed, and referred to be carried out.

The other plans were left over for consideration at next meeting.

The Question of the Distress.

The following letter was read:—

Distress from Want of Employment.

Local Government Board,

Whitehall, London, S.W.,

19th February, 1895.

Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board to state that they have received a communication from the Chairman of the Select Committee on Distress from Want of Employment, in which, Mr. Shirley Benn, the Member for the Border Towns, Mayors of Tweed and Chairmen of District Councils are requested to furnish to the Board, by the next delay on the following points:—

(1). Whether there are any exceptional distress in the district, and how far this is due to circumstances prevailing in the district apart from the weather?

(2). What is being done to meet the distress by the Guardians, Relief or voluntary agencies, and the average daily number relieved in the week ending the Saturday week ended Saturday the 16th February?

(3). As to unemployed register maintained, and with what result?

(4). Have you any suggestions to make for the purpose of relief of distress?

The Board will be much obliged by your furnishing them at the earliest possible moment with the information required by the Committee, in as much detail as can promptly be supplied.

The Board rely on your immediately taking such steps as may be necessary for the purpose of furnishing the requisite particulars.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

HUGH OWEN, Secretary.

The Clerk was instructed to draw up suitable reply to the above letter.

In all cases.

Doctor's Report.

The Chairman of Members of the Benfieldside Urban Sanitary Authority.

Gentlemen,—I have the hop to submit to you the vital statistics of your district for the month ending December 31st, 1894. It will be observed that the hop is a very low one indeed. The death rate is low, the birth rate is fairly maintained, the number of cases of infectious disease notified is small amount to eight only, and there has been no death from any of these diseases during the month. In respects also the district has been exceptionally free from disease, and the sanitary state of the quarter has been exceptionally healthy.

I am, your obedient servant,

GEO. RENTON, M.D.

Blackhill, Feb. 18th, 1895.

Vital Statistics of the Urban Sanitary District of Benfieldside.

For the Quarter Ending December 31st 1894.

43 births, representing an annual rate of 29.2 per 1,000, 25 males, 23 females; 21 deaths representing an annual rate of 12.8 per 1,000, 9 males, 12 females.

The following are the diseases and deaths notified:—Cases, Scarlet Fever, 2; Diptheria and Croup, 11; Erysipelas, 4; Enteric Fever, 1. Totals, Miasmatic form of disease.—8

Deaths.—Pulmonary Consumption, 2; Bronchitis, 1; Pneumonia, Pleurisy, 1. Total, Other diseases than Pulmonary Consumption, 12; Diseases of the heart, 5; Diseases of the Abdominal Viscera, 2; Other diseases not named, 5. Total deaths from all causes, 21.

The report was referred to the Sanitary Committee for consideration.

Surveyor's Report.

Gentlemen.—During the past month your carting materials, and repairing the roads, streets of your district, cutting out snow, keeping the roads and streets, opening out water courses, and cleaning channels. Several of the roads in your district required gritting also laid on account of their slippery state, also the footpaths on your district have been repeatedly covered with ashes during the month.

The Iron Bridge has been repaired during the month. The fence at the bottom of Mary Street, has been renewed.

The alterations to the lamps near to the Presbyterian Church, Blackhill, has not been done, on account of the frosts.

The work ordered to be done in Green Street, Shotley Bridge, with regard to footpath, will, on account of the state of the weather. This work will be done at the first date as the weather will per mit.

Nothing has been done to the New Sewage Works during the month, on account of the frost.

Your Highway Committee have had an inspection during the month, with respect to lighting Dale Street, Mary Street, and Front Street Place, and also inspected the damage done to property com. by Mr. Wheatley, at Shotley Bridge. Your Committee will report on these matters.

Your Highway Committee have also inspected the ground that was intended to be laid down on Durham Road near Blackhill.

During the month, I have collected, and paid to the treasurer, the following sums:—General District rent—£1 19s 5d.

JOHN DIXON.

Inspector's Report.

Gentlemen,—During the month, I have inspected the greater part of your district, I found the good condition generally, and cleaning drainage was given to the parties to have them cleaned. But there are some which need a rare attention, and these will be attended to as soon as possible.

The Sanitary Committee of your Council have had two meetings during the month, and certain plans have been laid before them.

My attention was called to a burst water pipe, in connection with a water-closet at 89, Cuthbert's Terrace, Consett. The water-closet was situated on the pantry of the adjoining house. The water was running into the pantry, and causing damage on behalf of my fellows. I would suggest that the Sanitary Committee inspect the place.

A plan for alterations and additions to Shotley Bridge, for the Co-operative Society, took the chair for the above purpose.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

JOHN DIXON.

The meeting was adjourned until the following Wednesday.

Correspondence

☞ *We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents nor do we undertake to return their communications.—Ed. C.A.)*

CORRESPONDENTS are requested to enclose their names and addresses on a separate slip of paper.

Letters for insertion should reach us not later than Wednesday mornings.

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the "Consett Guardian."

Sir,—I wish to make a suggestion to the various Local Boards, Councils, and Vestries in which there is grandly leaving us and our roads will want mending. Now is the time for all the various Local Boards to get some stones and let the unemployed break them in time to be used when they will require them.

Yours &c.,

J. G. COOKE.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.

WHICKHAM DISTRICT.

We understand that in consequence of pressure of work, Mr Garbutt will not offer himself as a candidate for re-election. Mr. W. Blackbird, of Swalwell, is spoken of as a likely candidate.

WOLSINGHAM.

Tow Law Division.—Councillor Vickers addressed a well attended meeting of the electors in the Town Hall, Wolsingham, on Saturday night last week, Mr. J. A. Snowdon, occupied the chair. Mr. Vickers dealt with the past work of the Durham County Council and detailed the new duties with regard to agricultural interests. He strongly emphasized the necessity of forming an Agricultural Committee. He dealt with the question of health and education, and declared his hearty sympathy with progressive times in which we live, and of the progressive spirit of the age. Mr. Marshall moved a vote of confidence in Mr. Vickers, which was seconded by Mr. Short and carried.

I HAVE NO TIME TO BE ILL!

Remarks Mr. Alfred Hall, "Ayer's Pills quickest relief from pain, simply clap a Beacon's Plaster on the part that aches, and go about your work as usual. Immediately removes the pain from Rheumatism, Lumbago, Backache, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Lumbago, relieved at once. For Backache, Weak Back, Pains in the Loins none more prompt and reliable remedy, stimulating and bracing the whole system at all ages, although in appearance similar. Buy the best—a Beacon's." Price 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 7d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 11d., 12d. per piece, or post free on receipt of price, from the Wholesale Depot, Fassett and Johnson, 32 and 33, Snow Hill, London, E.C.

WEARDALE.

Outbreak of Rabies.—A sheep belonging to a farmer, near Wearhead, has died from madness. The sheep was bitten by a mad dog a week ago by a young dog which was shot. There is ground to fear that this dog was mad, and as the animal was known to have been bitten by a dog, serious fears are entertained that rabies may develope in other animals. Mr. Phillipson, the sheep's owner, has applied for an inspector. By order of the Stanhope Rural Sanitary Authority, we have to be mindful.

STANHOPE.

School Board Election.—The following is a list of the persons nominated:—Henry Featherstone, Esq., Stanhope; Rev. Harding Hall, M.A., Lowlynstone; Joseph Maddison, Thomas Mawson, Rev. Thomas Phillipson, Rev. Thomas Wm. Rippon, J. W. Boddam, George Stephenson, T. Vickers, J. Walker, Joseph Watson, Esqrs. Those marked with an asterisk denotes old members. The poll is fixed for to-morrow, Saturday.

CONSETT.

Consett New Town Hall Company, Limited.—The annual general meeting was held under the presidency of Mr. William Hedley, at the Grand Hotel, on the 7th inst. Directors' report for the year ending December 31st, 1894, was read by Mr. J. Allen. A dividend of 4 per cent. per annum was declared, and the retiring directors, Messrs William Arnold, George Ainsworth, and J. W. Davison—were re-elected. Mr. J. Allen and Mr. Davison, were again chosen auditor, and Mr. T. W. Welford, solicitor, as secretary.

BURNOPFIELD.

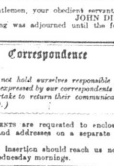
On Friday evening last, under the auspices of the Burnopfield Co-operative Society, a Horticultural Cricket club, a successful private assembly was held in the National Schoolroom, Burnop village. Dancing, which commenced at 8 p.m. was continued until 2 a.m. Several capital songs, about 70 couples kindly responded to the invite to trip the light fantastic toe, the M.C.'s being Messrs J. Allen and Geo. Davis. A capital repast was also served in the schoolroom, and presided over by feminine friends of the members. The music which was supplied by Messrs Hopper, Shotterbutts and Mulvaley, was also highly commended, and the success of the evening is due, to their inaugural attempts were eminently satisfactory. Dancing was the pleasure in their endeavours to make everyone comfortable, and considering the absence of any rough element, which is occasionally introduced at these gatherings, the affair was a success. The successful venture will be the precursor of many similar ones in the future. It would be an injurious not to single out for special mention Mr. J. Allen, the manager of the society, who has spared both indefatigable efforts in order to bring the affair to such a successful consummation.

ANNFIELD PLAIN.

Annfield Plain Mutual Improvement Society.—At the meeting of the above society held on Monday night, Mr. G. A. Greener, of South Pontop Colliery, gave a paper on "The Theory of Explosives." After the paper was read it was largely criticised by those present and a hearty discussion took place, which was readily responded to by the writer. Mr. J. Allen, Colliery Gallopin, took the chair in the absence of the President (Rev. J. Irwin).

GRAND BALL AT LANCHESTER.

One of the most successful balls held at Lanchester came off the other evening, in the National Schools. This was the wending up of a very successful weekly assembly which have been held during the present winter months, the arrangements of the same being entirely in the hands of Mr. Ralph Watson, assisted by his son Mr. G. Watson, as secretary. The building presented a very beautiful appearance, the walls were beautifully decorated with flags and other ornaments, the windows were draped with curtains and festoons of evergreens, the seats all round covered with crimson. The music was supplied by Messrs Hall, of Consett, and the refreshments by Mr. McKeand, of Lanchester, and were excellent. The ball would be deemed one of the season's events, a very large company was present, and Mr. Watson was congratulated on the handsome manner in which the affair was carried out. Amongst those present were:—Mr. and Mrs. Aspers, vicar of Lanchester; Mr. J. Walton, Lanchester; and Mrs. Dixon, Burnhopeside Hall; Mr. and Mrs. Cumming, Mr. J. Mrs. Joe Watson, Mr. T. Smaith, and Miss Redford; Mr. and Mrs. White; Mr. W. Pallister and Miss Smith; Mr. J. W. Brown and Mrs. Featherhood; Mr. J. Mrs. and Miss Pallister; Mr. Pallister, Mrs. and Miss Dixon; Mr. J. E. Nicholson and Miss Wallace; Mr. Thompson and Miss Hamsden; Mr. C. and Miss Atkin; Mr. R. and Miss Smith; Miss A. Smith, Lanchester; Mr. G. Watson, Miss Pallister, Miss Pallister, Miss Pallister, Lanchester; Mr. R. Aynsley and Miss Pallister, Lanchester; Mr. Dodds and Miss Gibson, Hamsteels; Mr. Winter, Penshaw, and Miss Pallister, Lanchester; Mr. Wm. Aynsley and Miss Carr; Mr. J. Thompson, and Miss Wake, Lanchester; Miss Wake, Maidie ——— and others.



REV. JOB. H. HOPKINS

(Superintendent of South London Wesleyan Mission).

According to an advertisement which appears in another column, the Rev. Hopkins will preside at a service at Stanley Wesleyan Church on Wednesday afternoon next, when he will give an address on the Mission Work in the District of the Bitter Cry of Outcast London. Seeing that this is a great and sympathetic audience. The collections are in aid of the Stanley New Sunday School Building Fund.

CHESTER-LE-STREET FARMERS' CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER.

The annual general meeting of the Chester-le-Street and District Farmers' Club was held at Mr. Parnaby's, Lumley Arms Inn, Chester-le-Street, Mr. H. Potts, Harle Moor, in the chair, and a large gathering of members. Messrs James Luke and James Wilkinson, Mr. Wm. Blackett, &c., had gone over the accounts and found that the balance in the treasurer's hands was £9 19s 6d, which was a substantial balance at the bank to the credit of the club.—Mr. Jackson, the hon. secretary, submitted his annual report, which showed that the number of members was 70, being a slight increase over last year. Their entire cart horse show had not been a success, only 12 cart horses and dog show had not come up to their usual exhibition. Some excellent cart horses was on the wrong side. That, however, was counterbalanced by the increase attractions, and the great increase in their prize list. The entries in the ploughing matches were more than the usual amount of interest and competition. Mr. Jackson also referred to the fact that he was not in such a bad position as some of their neighbours, but the report was unanimously adopted, as most satisfactory.—On the motion of Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Charles R. Garside, Mr. James Brewis was re-appointed treasurer to the society.—Mr. Brewis thanked the meeting for his re-election. Mr. Jackson was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. W. W. Coxon, it was resolved to hold the annual show on the 4th inst., and the sum of £50 (including a subsidy of £25 from the Durham County Council) be offered in prizes.—On Wednesday, 8th March, Messrs J. T. F. Bell, Turnbull, Patin Grange, and Messrs Bell and Turnbull, Patin Grange, were appointed judges to hold the usual horse and dog show, with the addition of a ploughing match.—It was resolved to hold the annual tennis competition on the 16th October, Mr. Joseph Hedley, Pelton, was appointed representative on the Durham County Agricultural Society's Council, on the motion of Mr. Potts.—After discussion as to the duties of the secretary, it was unanimously resolved that the club funds as an honorarium to Mr. Brewis, who would attend to the duties of the secretary. This concluded the business of the meeting.

The annual dinner was served in the club room by Mr. Parnaby, and was presided over by Mr. Charles R. Barrett, J.P., Whitfield Hall, presiding vice-chairman, Mr. Phillipson, the chairman of Offerton Hall. An excellent dinner was provided, and the waiting was carried out in a most efficient manner.—The chairman, in proposing "The Queen and the Royal Family," pointed out that the prosperity of agriculture meant prosperity to everything else and to everybody. That the Government, whatever party was in office, would deem it their duty to do everything in their power to alleviate the depth depressed decession in agriculture. That was the feeling he recommended.—At this stage of the proceedings the chairman made the presentation of the silver cups and medals, as follows:—To Mr. James Brewis, Pelton House, £5 5s; Mr. Wm. Blackett, £3 3s and silver tea service: Mr. J. Bolbeck, Burnhopeside, £2 2s; Mr. Geo. Davis, Mr. J. McLaren, Offerton, £2 5s; and Mrs. Gould, Pelton Fell, £1 1s.—Mr. Bell, Pelton Fell, was also presented with a silver medal, proposing the toast of "Our Guests," he strongly admired the success to the Chester-le-Street and District Farmers' Club, and the feminine friends of the club was now, thanks to the energetic and worthy secretary, Mr. Brewis, in a most flourishing condition, one of the most important organisations in the county. Mr. Bell also referred to the Newcastle Farmers' Club, no club of the kind seemed to be more successful. Mr. Hedley, Dunn House; Mr. Bell, Pelton Fell; Mr. Wm. Blackett, Pelton, were also in speaking to other toasts, and Mr. Hedley, for some time, "The arabs," says the narrative, came to the conclusion that we were engaged in a most unprofitable business to leave the Queen's dominions and settle in Australia.—Mr. Hedley, As their remarks when interpreted produced to effect. The agricultural effect an ejection of £5 per acre.—"I withdrew to the highest point," the narration proceeds, "and fully charged my revolver and then made for the camp. Getting hold of my hand and tried to drag me away from the fire. I was a strong man, but for the critical moment I approached the top of my flask to within striking distance of the top of his nose, which he replied to by a blow on the eye of my discharge exceeded my utmost expectation. The rest may be attempted. Arab curses have never been received such a shock. Set on the ground as though struck by lightning, rushed away with a loud howl, and vanished with a great spring from our vicinity, followed by the whole of his comrades."

WHITE-LE-HEAD.

Two cottages were offered for sale by auction by Mr. Phillipson, of Dipton, at Mrs. Atkinson's, on Wednesday evening last. There was a very large attendance, the bidding commenced at the very low figure of £20, but very quickly reached £60, at which price Mr. Wm. Simpson, of Tantobie, was declared the purchaser.

VICTORIA GARESTFELD.

One of the series of balls in aid of the benefits of the barns was held on Friday evening in the school room, Victoria Garesfield, Amidst best by the manager, Mr. Archer. A committee composed of Messrs Minikin, Annandale, Smith, Jones, Gibson, Wilkinson, and Ridley, had charge of the arrangements, which were perfect, a crowded house being the result. Dancing commencing at seven o'clock in the evening, and was kept up with much spirit until nearly two in the morning, with intervals for refreshments, which were of the most liberal description. Mr. Ridley, of the Spen, During the course of the night the Misses Minks and Lettie and Annie made a duet, while Mr. J. Duffy, also rendered a couple of songs in his best style. The music for dancing was supplied by Messrs Liddle, and Lyall's excellent string band, of Annfield Plain, to whom votes of thanks were accorded for the loan of the band.

SOUTH MOOR.

Lecture:—On Saturday evening a lecture was delivered in the South Moor Primitive Methodist Chapel by the Rev. G. J. Jones, the latter was pleased by Mr. W. P. Huntley, of Hebburn. The subject was "Wales," and was entitled "Characteristics of Wales." The lecturer in the course of his address referred to the difference between the Welsh and English languages and the kind of preachers the Welshmen revered. Gave a brief sketch of one or two sermons, which had been preached by Christmas Evans, and also a brief sketch of his life. The lecture was interspersed with solos, recitations, and Sunday school services were both well attended.

Concert at Leadgate.—A highly successful concert was given at Wesley Chapel, Leadgate, on the 4th inst. by the Annfield Plain Sacred Harmonic Society, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Bruce. A large and appreciative audience was present, and the singing of the choir was as bright and as bonny as "the flowers that bloom in the spring." The following programme was rendered:—The chairman, (Rev. T. Varley,) made a few introductory remarks, and then called on Mr. Master of Lowther, to give the first item of the programme, a fine little song entitled "Sweet Spring." Recitations on behalf of his fellows, modestly concluding his remarks by thanking the audience for the kind speech for more than five minutes. He spoke with such eloquence and ability as to every sign of approbation. A song "The emigrant ship," was then rendered by Mr. Gardiner, Mrs. Bell, Walton, A. Golbert, and T. W. Robinson recited in a realistic manner a piece called "Infant Prattle," the next was a chorus and action song "Little Bo-Peep," by Edith Winter, whose pleasing voice greatly pleased all present. A short sketch entitled "The magistrates Bench," performed by about twelve children created great amusement. Master Lowther got's shoved how carefully they had been trained by Mr. Bruce, and also showed in the way in which they performed the sneeze drill. The various movements were very good, and the whole made a most pleasing sight such a way as to produce a very picturesque effect. The children's singing of the following song with great success. Miss Innes and Miss Brewis caused tears of laughter by their rendering of a little sketch entitled "A visit to old Betty." The audience was greatly pleased with the singing of "Tommy Brown," by the dance, and F. Robson. "The learned pig who knew his letters" was then given in a very clever way by Calvert and A Robson, in character, a short musical sketch entitled "Rather the duet" reflected great credit on the performers, Miss Bell, Walton, and A. Day. Then followed a most amusing sketch entitled "Mother Hubbard," which showed in the moral of which was against gossip and deception. The following song "Seeing that I love you," and the programme was filled up with a pianoforte solo by Miss Bell, Walton. The singing of "Sweet Violets" is somewhat of a childrens' operetta made up part by the Misses Lowther, Miss Innes, and Miss Brewis to a delighted audience. The choruses were well sung, and the duets entitled "The Gypsy Encampment, Puntsmile, Kindness, Lazy Boy, Fighting Boy, How now Brown Cow, and Three Merry Maidens," all did so well that it would be invidious to make any distinction. Each of the boys and girls had been most carefully trained and drilled the children, judging by their highly meritorious singing, and the great pains which had been taken to bring them to a very enjoyable evening with the baton. The proceeds were over £4 and of this £3 10s was taken at the door.

The Good Pie Young—Unlike most popular sayings, this has very little truth in it. Experience every day proves that some at least of the good die young, and that the brighter and rarer the gem and a more pleasant place to live in. In fact, the good are the best. They are the salt of the earth, things generally, live the longest. For example, Quicksilver Mixture, which is one of the best and most widely advertised and are now forgotten. Why? Because the public will have a little spice in it, and have Holloway's Pills and Ointment, which have been before the public for over thirty years, and are thirty years and more. Why? Because they are good pills and ointment which is good does not die, but lives for all time.

The Bishop of Durham and the Diocesan Conference.—On Tuesday last the Lord Bishop of Durham attended the work of the Church Army Colportage Society in Durham. The Bishop presided over a meeting of the Society to place a second van in the Diocese, and to raise the £200 required to meet the cost of the same, and annum in the event of any deficit on working. The Bishop in the course of his address said that he has just begun work in the archdeaconry of Durham. He was very much pleased with the work done by the rural dean (Canon Scott-Monchrieff) in All Saints Churchyard, Durham, on Monday last, and he considered the deliberatory prayer the Rural Dean remarked that the van movement was simply a branch of the Church Army, and was a most useful work. It showed that the church was adapting herself to the times, and that the Church Army in this way might prove of service to the Master whom they served. The Bishop said he could only do as those vans it work in different Dioceses all the year round, and £650 a second hand one. Many Dioceses are still without one. The Bishop pointed out the fields of the society at present is so great, owing to the cost of carriage, that it requires a large staff to work it, unless the means are provided by generous friends it will be impossible to maintain it. The cost of van can be made for some little time.

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As their remarks when interpreted produced to effect. The agricultural effect an ejection of £5 per acre.—"I withdrew to the highest point," the narration proceeds, "and fully charged my revolver and then made for the camp. Getting hold of my hand and tried to drag me away from the fire. I was a strong man, but for the critical moment I approached the top of my flask to within striking distance of the top of his nose, which he replied to by a blow on the eye of my discharge exceeded my utmost expectation. The rest may be attempted. Arab curses have never been received such a shock. Set on the ground as though struck by lightning, rushed away with a loud howl, and vanished with a great spring from our vicinity, followed by the whole of his comrades."

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STANHOPE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

15 candidates have been nominated for the 9 seats on the School Board. The election is on March 22nd, and the last day for withdrawals is Feb. 23rd. The persons nominated are:—Rev. Lovegrove, Rev. J. Mewes T. A. Hope, Rev. J. W. Reddaway, Rev. W. R. Hartley, Messrs. Stephenson, "A. Monkhouse; T. Philipson; "G. Stephenson; T. Vickers; W. Vickers; J. Walker; J. Watson, "Members of the old Board.

BENFIELDSIDE, CONSETT, AND KNITSLEY BURIAL BOARD.

The first meeting of the above Board, which comprises the townships of Benfieldside, Consett, and Knitsley, was held at Blackhill recently. The following representatives were present:—Councillors Ed. Sloane, and Wm. Ramsay, (Benfieldside); Mr. Aynsley, J. Kemp, and J. Whitworth Consett); Coun. A. Stoddart, and T. Dixon, (Knitsley).

Coun. Wm. Aynsley was voted to the chair pro tem.

Election of Chairman.

Coun. Aynsley proposed that Coun. E. Sloane be elected chairman of the Board.

Coun. Kemp on seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Football.

*** Intimation of football clubs would greatly oblige if they would send results of matches to my office not later than Tuesday morning.—ASSOCIATION.

Stanley Blue Stars beat Waldridge Fell Tree Rhose by four goals to one.

Rusty Back Exiles defeated Lista Nomads, at Lista, by four goals to nil.

Eye Fielded nd defeated Burnhope Rovers, at Kyo, by three goals to one.

Dye United defeated Throckley L.O.M., at Kyo, by five goals to one.

Craghead Rangers beat Lymington Exiles, at Craghead, by five goals to nil.

Wrekon Gillert Exiles beat Annfield Plain Wanderers by three goals to two, at Annfield Plain.

Hebburn Reserve and Marley Hill St. Alberts met in a Reserve League fixture at Hebburn, the latter's game ending in a draw of four goals each.

Consett Juniors v Consett Rangers.—Played on the ground of the former, and resulted in a win for the latter by five goals to four.

Byer Moor v Hazens Gould.—Played at Byer Moor. The ground was in a wretched condition, the play being impossible. The home team held the upper hand throughout, and finally won by four goals to nil.

Axwell Rovers beat Blaydon Clarence.—Played at Gateshead. At half-time the home team were leading by two goals to nil. On resuming, Axwell scored again, while the visitors failed to find the net, the game ending in a draw of four goals each.

Usaw Moor Red Stars v Medomsley.—Played on the former's ground, and in a very pleasing game ended in a win for Usaw Moor by four goals to one. The home team's defence was the better, and deserved the good game. The forwards were in splendid form, and did some fine work.

Tanfield United v Lisle Rovers.—These teams met on the Tanfield ground on the Lisle's Cricket Ground. A good but rather rough game was the result. The home team were the better, and won by four goals to nil. The Lists tried all they knew to score, but were stood—Tanfield, four goals; Lisle, nil. Rest of teams not reported.

Dipton Athletic v Ipetton Villa.—Played on the former's ground. The home team were the better, and managed to play with the wind in his favour. After the first half Dipton were leading by three goals to nil, the opposing backs. Ipetton had hard lines in not scoring from some grand centres put in by Carlton. Dipton now attacked, and scored through Cain. Shortly afterwards Blanch added a second. Half-time—Dipton, two goals; Ipetton, nil. The second half was very evenly contested. About ten minutes from the finish Blanch notched No. 3 for Dipton, who won, after a hard game, as under:—

Dipton ..... Three goals
Ipetton ..... Nil

Ipetton team—Goal, J Ridley; backs, S Dippen and B Bell; halves, Carlton, Wilson and Wood; forwards, W Carrins, M Cain, J Spinks, T Blanch, and W Lawson.

Consett Town Supply Reb v Consett Shamrocks.—This match was played on the former's ground in the weather, and before a good number of spectators. The home captain won the toss, and decided to defend the entrance goal. Sanderson started the ball for the visitors, and from the kick-off play was in the home quarters. Smith and Hall put forward the home team from a fruitless attack, but Hall was offside. Play was then transferred to the visitors' goal, but Hall put the ball just shot over the line. From the goal kick the Swifts still pressing, a couple of fruitless attacks were eventually Purley received in the goal-mouth and secured the first free kick of the game. The visitors now knew the best of the play, pressing hard for a while, the Shamrocks backs and trio with the half-back line scored the second goal with a good shot. Soon after the kick-off, Linton took the ball down the field and centred for Purley to add the third goal, even play following until half-time, when the score stood—

Swifts ..... Three goals
Shamrocks ..... Nil

On resuming, the home team played much better and were soon pressing. Purley and Linton were in good form, and the former added the fourth goal. From the kick-off the Shamrocks assumed the aggressive, and were pressing hard when Sanderson cleared close in and secured with a good shot into the visitors' goal. Shortly afterwards the home team still pressed, and Marran getting well up on the right, put in a good centre, from which Linton headed a splendid goal. Even play followed, and then the Swifts were awarded a free kick, which Sanderson. Time was called soon after with the score stood—

Swifts ..... Five goals
Shamrocks ..... Two goals

Swifts' backs—Purley, D Elliott; backs, H Gregory and A'Aitken; half-backs, R Bradley, T Ellis, and J Spinks; forwards, J Little, J Sheldon, T Sanderson, J Wood, and J Turley.

CONSETT v DERWENT STAR (SCOTSWOOD).

These teams met on the Consett ground. The ground being in a good condition, a fast game was the result, only two 30's were played. Consett kicked off against a slight breeze, and from the start play was fast and very exciting, the ball travelling from end to end. The home team were the better footballers, but the visitors' goalkeeper could not be beaten. He was like a veritable stone wall. Derwent Star, however, by awards made a final burst away and scored No. 4, at the call of time the score stood—

Consett ..... Four goals
Derwent Star ..... Nil

Consett team—Goal, J Winter; backs, O Pascoe and W Graham; half-backs, R Wise, J Newman, and Sand J Simpson; forwards, J Blackwell and J Sims, centre, right wing; M Dunbar, centre; J Adams and R Harkness, left wing.

Referee, Mr A Dumpster.

SOUTH DERWENT MECHANICS v WEST SHIELD ROW MECHANICS.

This return fixture between these teams was played on the South Derwent ground, in the presence of upwards of 400 spectators. The match was arranged by the energetic Colliery Silver Medal Band was in attendance, and played a programme of selections during the game, under the leadership of Mr R. H. Cooper. South Derwent won the toss, and the visitors started the game up the hill, and soon began to press, but were easily repulsed by Dickson's backs, at the other end Mr Wm. Hedley's forces carried the ball well into the visitors territory, but in was stopped by Robertson. Play was now even, and Fromaine threw in a good deal of middled play ensued. Some good passing movements by the home forces, but were unable to get through the visitors defence. Two medical pills moved the ball well up the field, but Dickson's defence was at fault

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will be held in the Committee Room at the Saw Mill, Stanley Bridge, on Saturday, March 9th, at 6.30 p.m. CHEMERDO, Hon. Sec.

TANFIELD
FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Monday, March 4th, at the Peacock Inn, Tanfield, at 7 o'clock precisely.
R. WILKINSON, Secretary.
629

NOTICE.

A LEEK SHOW will be held at Mr. MIPPO's, Burton House, Shotley Bridge, on October 5th, 1895. The next Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, March 4th. 625

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CONSETT AND DISTRICT
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on THURSDAY, March 7th next, at 8 p.m., in the Small Hall of the Consett New Town Hall Buildings, as the time at which another APPROPRIATION will be made. Members are requested to attend.
W. W. ARMOND, Chairman.
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For Conditions and Entry Forms apply to Jas. BEWICK, Waldridge Hall; for Mare Nominations to
MEDOMSLEY AND DISTRICT
POULTRY, PIGEON, AND RABBIT SOCIETY.

FIRST OPEN EXHIBITION will be held in the Temperance Hall, on Friday and Saturday, March 8th and 9th, 1895.
Poultry and Pigeon Judge:—Rev. W. F. LUMLEY, Newcastle.
Rabbit Judge:—Mr. R. F. ATKINSON, Gateshead.
Entries close February 26th.
Schedules on application to
W. E. CHARLTON, } Secretaries.
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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.

TO THE ELECTORS OF LANCHESTER DIVISION.

Ladies and Gentlemen,
My three years of experience and work as your Councillor having just terminated, I offer myself for re-election on March the 4th. Trusting my service freely rendered in the past will be a guarantee for the future.—I am,
Your obedient Servant,
T. J. MUSE.
Castleside House, Feb. 18th, 1895. 599g

CONSETT AND DISTRICT TRADE AND LABOUR COUNCIL.

A PUBLIC MEETING
Under the auspices of the above, will be held in the CONSETT NEW TOWN HALL, CONSETT,
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1895.

An ADDRESS will be given by
TOM MANN
OF LONDON, ON
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Chair to be taken at Seven o'clock, by
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FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A MEETING in connection with the above will be held on SATURDAY, March 2nd, at 7 o'clock sharp, at Mr Joseph Anderson's. Persons desirous of becoming Members are requested to attend.
J. BRIDDICK, Secretary.
Gun Club Members are requested to attend same time. 624g

DERWENT VALLEY
ENTIRE HORSE ASSOCIATION.

SHOW
To be held at the Spa Ground, Shotley Bridge, ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9th.
When a Prize of £50 will be offered. Horse not under 4 and not above 8 years to travel the Society's district, with a guarantee of 80 Mares to travel and £1 when the Mares prove in Foal. Entrance Fee, £1 each.
Entries Close on Thursday, March 7th. Rules, &c. can be had on applying to the Secretary,
W. J. OSWELL,
Newlands House, Etherley, R.S.O.
NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

FOOTBALL MATCH AT SUNDERLAND.
ENGLISH CUP TIE.
SUNDERLAND v. BOLTON WANDERERS.

ON SATURDAY, the 2nd of March, an EXCURSION TRAIN will leave CONSETT and BLACKHILL at 1-20 p.m., calling at Knitsley, Lanchester, Witton Gilbert, &c., for SUNDERLAND, MONKWEARMOUTH, and SOUTH SHIELDS, Returning from Sunderland at 8-5, Monkwearmouth at 8-22, and Sunderland at 8-28 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,
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BLACKHILL AND DISTRICT RELIEF FUND.

THE Committee of the above beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums:—Mrs Lamb, Mrs Marston, Shotley Bridge, 61; Messrs J Guthrie, Summerhill, 61; W Hacker, 5s; J Hogg (second sub) 2s 6d; J Greenwood, 5s; sundry amounts, £1 5s; total, £9 0s 6d. Also, the sum of one ton of coal from F Priestman, Esq, J P; supply of Turnips from Mr M Swainston, Blackhill; Vegetables and Bread from Mr McKean and McLoughran; Beef from the River Derwent Cattle Company; Mr Wm Hall, Blackhill, Vegetables and Bread; One load of Coke from Mr A Stephenson, Blackhill. The Committees acknowledge the opportunity of kindly thanking Messrs Bell and J R Taylor for so generously granting and fitting up free of charge the Kitchen, and Mr R Hall, Mr R Cunningham, W) Robson & Co, K and J Taylor, of Blackhill, and Mr Geo Morgan, Shotley Bridge, for supplying Horses and Carts for leading Coals.
D. OSBORNE, Chairman.
W. RAMSAY, Hon. Treasurer and Secretary.
P.S.—Donations to the 31st inst. The subscription given by this gentleman should read £1 and not 10s as stated in last issue.

DISTRESS IN THE CONSETT DISTRICT.

CONSETT RELIEF FUND.

NAMES of Weekly Subscribers and Amounts:—Consett Iron Company, £5; Geo. Ainsworth Esq, J P, £1; Consett Co-operative Society, £1; Conn W Aynsley, 10s; Coun J Daly, 10s; Coun J W Davison, 10s; J T Pyman, Esq, J P, 10s; Coun Mr Murray, 10s; Mr N Hadon, 10s; Coun R Murray, 10s; Mr J Whitehead, 7s 6d; Mr F Coyle, 5s 6d; Coun G T Hyden, 5s; Coun Bridge, 5s; Coun Geo Wade, 5s; Coun R G Forster, 5s; Mr J Patterick, 5s; Mr T Hilton, 5s; Mr Hendrick, 5s; Miss Redshaw, 5s; Mrs Beatty, 5s; Mr B Mallow, 5s; T L Gladstone, Esq, 5s; Mr C Atkinson, 5s; Mr H Nicholson, 5s; Mr F Gollman, 5s; Mr H Gollman, 5s; Mr S Cowey, 5s; Mr C Beatty, 5s; Mr Ramsden, 5s; Mrs Hanlon, 5s; Mrs Batey, 5s; Mr W Rimmington, 5s; Mr Rogers, 5s 6d; Mr J Bewell, 2s 6d; Mr R Mole, 5s 6d; Mr R Lamb, 2s 6d; Mr J Rawlings, 2s 6d; Mr F Atkinson, 2s 6d; Mr Wilson, 2s 6d; Mr J Postle, 2s 6d, Mr J Saddle, 2s 6d; Rev R B Hanley, 2s 6d; Rev E W Bullock, 2s 6d; Mr G T Pearson, 2s 6d; Rev C S Smith, 2s 6d; Mr G Teasdale, 2s 6d; Mr S Hogarth, 5s 6d; Mr Longworth, 2s 6d; Mr John, 2s 6d; Mr T Beardall, 2s 6d; Mr C Lumley, 2s 6d; Gollman, 2s 6d; Mr "P," 2s 6d; Mr Wardhaugh, 2s; Mr R Taylor, 1s; " " H North, 1s; Mrs Hanson, 1s; Mrs M H Wilson, 1s; Mr G Davison, 1s; Mr W Suddes, 1s; Mr Ed Lockey, 5s; Mrs Hamilton, 5s; Mr Marshall, 2s; Mr R Moore, 2s 6d; Mr R Hewitt, 2s 6d; Mr R Cornforth, June, 2s 6d; Messrs Bell and Simpson, 2s 6d; Mrs Middleton, 2s; Mrs Wow, 1s; Coun J Lowes, 5s; Mr Y Dunn, 2s 6d; Coun G D Forster, 5s; Mr J Healy, 2s; Mr Martin, 2s; Mr O'Neil, 1s. Donations—Messrs Hume & Son, 10s; Mrs C M Hall, 10s; Mr J Dent (proceeds of concert in aid of Mission Hall concert, free; also Co-operative Hall free); Mr Mills, Oxhope, 5s 6d; Mr J Spencer, 5s 6d; Mr Sample, 1s; Mr K Teasdale, 1s; Mrs W Eales, 1s; a friend, 1s; Mid Rock, 5s; Mr J Hall, 2s 6d; Mr Appleby, 1s. Smaller sums, 5s. Total £138 9d.

The above weekly subscriptions and donations come to hand this week.
Councillor W. AYNSLEY, Chairman.
Councillor J. W. DAVISON, Treasurer.
Mr G. E. ROBINSON, Secretary. 593g

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

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ANNUAL LETTING, Wednesday, April 24th, 1895.
J. VICKERS, Auctioneer
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By Mr. A. Phillipson.

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W. ATKINS, Esq., } Trustees.
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The next Meeting for receiving Subscriptions and Loans will be held in the Small Hall of the CONSETT NEW TOWN HALL BUILDINGS, between 7 and 8 o'clock on MONDAY, 25th February, and every succeeding Monday evening.
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JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

[By "Ivonde."]

THE THAW.

The longest day that ever dawned eventually came to an end in the history of the world, and so do mundane concerns—changes come, as some they must, the powers of earth and air having but to play their respective parts for a season and give place to the latest comer, and so on for ever. The storm king had masters much his own way all through the month of January—a month, by the way, said to be so named after Janus, a prince who is credited with having been fonder of hearing the arc of dividing the year, as a recompense for his haughtiness to man and —and the first fortnight of February, and then there came a change, on the principle that there arose other kings who knew not Joseph—the sun-god re-assumed the Lord of Indies by such an honoured name. Any way, the change did come in the form of a thaw towards the end of the past week, and the beginning of the present one. The melted snow rippled along street and lane in miniature streams, and there was a refreshing warmth in the atmosphere, and the genuine ness of the change, and the pleasures attendant thereon were brought very palpably home to me on the morning of Sunday last. I was standing in the door of my sanctum enjoying the welcome rays of the mellow sunlight, and the gentle breeze of the opening day, when my attention was directed to a commotion among the ducks congregated in the field in the front of my dwelling. They were having a royal time of it, diving and swimming about in the pure water under their kind in the pools of water with which the field was flooded. Presently quite a flock of them passed within a few feet of me, with a measured tread about regular as a column of infantry on the march, and above the splasher of their web feet—a sound of satisfaction, if not of absolute joy, expressive of their delight that the winter of their discontents had at last swum vanished. That the ducks were happy I felt quite assured, for there was no mistaking the tenor of their melodious quacking as they took in the welcome water dripping from bill and wing. I was wont to watch their movements during the frost, when they wandered disconsolate over the fields and river and soon raising a pen-ouged series of cries or quacks quack, quack, which required but little stretch of the imagination to transform into what, what, what? It was palpable enough that they were in a state of grievance in those days, but their demeanour on Sunday morning astonished me, on the other hand, that they are fickle as the sex, and soon forget the past in the pleasures of the present. The recent thaw proved a god-send to many ways, and could the whole truth be told it would be recorded that the pleasure expressed by the passionless ducks found a corresponding outlet on the habitat of the human in many an instance last week, for we were locked out by the iron sway of old King Frost.

Local and District News.

CONSETT.

CONCERT.—On Saturday evening, a concert was given in the Co-operative Hall, Consett, in aid of the Consett United Methodist Free Church new organ fund. There was a large attendance. The artistes included the Misses Lowes, Hall, Bell, and Jones, Blackhill; G. Snelling, C. Davison, J. Dickinson, and Master Hall. Mr Dickinson was accompanist.

TOM MANN in CONSETT.—A public meeting, under the auspices of the Consett and District Trade and Labour Council, was held in the New Town Hall, Consett Town Hall, on Saturday (to-morrow) evening, at which Mr Tom Mann will be the chief exponent of the Unemployed.

WEDDING.—On Wednesday evening the married ladies connected with the Wesleyan Church congregation organised a social tea meeting, "Welcome Reception," which was held in the New Town Hall, Consett. The interior of the building had been tastefully decorated, and the proceedings comprised an entertainment of music, recitation, and a lecture, the latter being by the Rev. Hopkins Dryden and Mr. Charles Davison. The married ladies chief part in the proceedings was that Mrs C. Foster and Mrs. Charles Davison, the former lady acting as accompanist. The tea and entertainment chair was conducted by Mr. C. Stelling. Mrs. Scott presided over the duties of the latter part of the programme, while Mr. Y. Dunn was chairman of the evening's proceedings. The ladies were in aid of the Wesleyan new Sunday School Funds.

THE LATE MR SAMUEL WOOD.—The funeral of the late Mr Samuel Wood, who suffered greatly at Benfieldside Cemetery. Before leaving the residence of deceased a short service was held by the Rev. Thomas Bell, Vicar of Christ Church, who also officiated at the burial. The reverend gentleman also very feelingly conducted the opening service to the loss of one of the oldest parishioners in Consett, and one who by his upright conduct was the largest which ever passed through the district being attended by the Rural Dean and the officials of the Consett Works, the tradesmen of the town, together with a large number of the friends of deceased and nearest relations. The plate-rollers of the Consett Iron Company were also present, and they also presented a beautiful artificial wreath, and a floral cross was sent by many other kind friends, and on every side were expressions of the kindliest feeling towards the deceased and great attention to all friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and assistance given in their sad trouble.

On Thursday week, as the Lanchester Police Court Mr Luke Nicholson, chairman of the Lanchester Petty Sessions, Mr Nicholson was appointed a magistrate, for the first time.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE.

ST. CUTHBERT'S BENFIELDSIDE, ANNUAL CONCERT AND ENTERTAINMENT.—This took place on Monday, and was a great success. The first part of the programme consisted of glees, part songs, solos, duets, and songs, and pianoforte duets. The performers, who are highly commended towards the pleasure of the evening being Mrs Bruttom, the Misses Barclay, Miss Charlton, Miss Hall, Miss Lee, Miss Lowes, Miss Mackay, Mr W. Glendenning, Mr R. Heyner, Mr MacIver, and Mr Frederick Parker. The second part, consisted of "The Area Belle," the entertainment being given by the members of the scenery for which was most skilfully painted. The piece was given in a modern style by Messrs Tandy and J. Barron, T. Davey, S. Judge, and R. Lishman, to all of whom much credit is due for the clever manner in which they sustained their parts, and for the trouble they took to make the entertainment a complete success. There was a very large and appreciative audience.

BAPTIST AND PRESTON HALL SOCIETY.—On Monday evening week, the annual meeting of the Society at Shotley Bridge was held in the Temperance Hall. There was a good attendance presided over by Mr. G. Richardson, of Shotley Bridge. The deputation was also present, Mr. Pentney, of Sunderland (the Society's District Secretary for the North of England), who delivered his popular lecture entitled "Up, up, round Africa, in the track of the Bible Society. The lecture proved very interesting. The members of the Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Choir were present and rendered choice selection of music. Votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

BLACKHILL.

STARR BOWKETT BUILDING SOCIETY.—On Monday week, the members of the 370th Starr Bowkett Building Society held there appropriation meeting in Temperance Hall, when the 84 85, 86, 87, 88, and 89, appropriations were duly drawn, in the usual manner in favour of the members present. Mr Kelsey was in chair; Messrs Watson, and Kirk Seymourmere; Miss Kelsey, Miss Kirk, Miss Cumberson and Master Kelsey, Hall Lessee, present.

Benfieldside.—A fair supply of stock was forward, 19 fat cattle, 95 fat sheep, 3 calves, 14 pigs, and a good supply of dairy cows and lots of poultry, harness, cart, and other miscellaneous lots. The Rev. Wm. Hopkins, of the Wesleyan New Flour Mill; heifers to £18 12s 6d, R. Dixon, Broad Oak; oxlings, £15 and £16 10s. Calves, £6—sheep to 54/. J. E. Nicholson; hogs to 55/6, Derwent Cattle Company; T. White, Fartherley Build ings; Scotch wethers to 47/6, J. Angus, Healeyfield; lambs, 34/6. There was a large company present, and prices were fully up to late markets. Hay, £2 5s to £4 per ton.

MILKWELL BURN.—

UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.—On Saturday night last an interesting service of song entitled "On the Rocks" was given by the choir of this place of worship in a very creditable manner. Mrs J. Gray, Blackhill Mill, read the connective readings with good taste. Mr. W. Hall, Blackhill, presided and officiated as the organ; while Mr E. Robinson, Blackhill, played the piano. The singing of Messrs O'Connor and Sutherland called for an encore, which was complied by Gladstone John Brown, Hanscterley Colliery. A vote of thanks to the chairman and singers was proposed by Mr. J. W. Anderson, and seconded by Mr H. Taylor, brought a very successful evening to a close.

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The Durham Coal Trade Improvement Notices at Westwood Colliery.—At the Westwood Colliery on Tuesday, Mr Atkinson, the manager, posted their notices to cease employment on Saturday next, for months. The notices affected, Blackhall men Between 400 and 500 hands are employed altogether at the pit.

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PELTON.

Church Council Meeting.—A meeting of this Council was held in the Boys' School, Pelton, on Tuesday evening last, Mr. Thomas Wilkes, J.P., Burley M.A., presiding. It was reported that the Church Schools had been enlarged by the addition of a playground, which had been duly set apart as a free playground for the children attending to their credit. It was decided that the subscriptions from members of the church, by which they have been paid for, be collected every two months. The wiser intends to celebrate the Holy Communion in the Church Room, Pelton Fell, once a month. A letter was read from Mr. Hall, stating that the Council proposed to build a new oak case for Communion Service. This will be used for the first time on Easter Sunday.

KYO.

Kyo Parish Council.—On Tuesday night the usual monthly meeting of the Kyo Parish Council was held in the Kyo Reading Room, Councillor P. Reay presiding. It was decided that the Council should lay out the ancient bridle road, leading from West Kyo through to Oxhill Colliery as a public footpath. Notice was given of the finding from West Kyo to the turnpike road near Kyo Grange Farm on the north proper repair, and that the Council petition the Lanchester District Council to widen the road from the Methodist buildings, etc., in Front Street, Catchgate.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Mr. Hall for his charities, and a Plan and Footpaths Committee, consisting of the Parish Councillors and Dwelling Committee were appointed.—It was agreed to petition the N.E.R. Company for extra trains to Annfield Plain.

THE FATAL ACCIDENT AT CORNSAY COLLIERY.

An inquest was held on Saturday, at the Workman's Institute, Cornsay Colliery, before Mr F Badcock, deputy-coroner, respecting the death of Thomas Redmore, aged 19 years, who was killed by a fall of stone while working in the Busty Seam at Cornsay Colliery, on Thursday week.—In semis that on the day in question he was working in the dip. A piece of stone, about a ton in weight, fell from the roof, and while busy in the Low Drift, Balzeat Seam, Fatally injuring him. Deceased was brought to the bank, and on going to look, Barron observed that the stone had fallen on Redmore's head and neck. On being extricated, the man was found to be quite dead.—A verdict of "Accidentally killed" was returned.

CHURCH DEFENCE ASSOCIATION.

LEADGATE BRANCH.

A meeting of the above branch was held in the Schoolroom, Redwell Hills, on Tuesday night. The Rev. Thomas Varley, Vicar of Leadgate, presided, and he was supported by the Rev. J. Hall, Rev. C. Pinder, Mr. Hall, and Mrs. Varley; Rev. R. S. Hay, Consett, Rev. E. Todd Stanley, Mr. Hall, Mr. Bedlington, Mr. J. Parker, Mr. Wm. Brown; and others.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said they had met that evening under circumstances which were indeed sad. The Church of England in Church defence meeting, and surely that was enough to make them all sad. Many of our men had been in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. There was a great attendance present over by Mr. G. Richardson, of Shotley Bridge. The deputation was also present, Mr. Pentney, of Sunderland (the Society's District Secretary for the North of England), who delivered his popular lecture entitled "Up, up, round Africa, in the track of the Bible Society. The lecture proved very interesting. The members of the Shotley Bridge Wesleyan Choir were present and rendered choice selection of music. Votes of thanks terminated the proceedings.

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Local Police Courts.

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WEDNESDAY Feb. 21st.—Before Lieut.-Colonel LEADBITTER-SMITH (chairman) Hon. G. J. P. VENEBLES, Esq., and E. E. BALLARD, Wm. LOGAN, Esqs., Dr J. WILSON, and LUKE DUNGLEDY, Esqs.

DRUNKENNESS.

There were no less than 20 cases of drunkenness, and in the majority of the cases the full penalties were imposed.

ASSAULTING THE POLICE.

James Hayes, miner, was summoned for assaulting P.C. Stoddman, at Medleyhope on the 9th inst.—The defendant admitted the facts of the case, and it appeared that the defendant struck and kicked the officer.—Defendant was fined 10s and costs.

ASSAULTING A WOMAN AT ANSFIELD PLAIN.

George Kay and *David Hall* miners, were charged with assaulting Mary Hitchen at Ansfield Plain on the 9th ult.—Complainant alleged that the two defendants came into her house and commenced to use beastly language. The two men then assaulted her, and carried her body to her bed and thus.—Defendants denied the charge, and said they merely went to their house so as to pay complainant their lodging money they owed her, when she commenced the quarrel.—The magistrates imposed a fine of 5s each and costs.

ASSAULT WHILST AT WORK.

Thomas Lupton, puttier, was prosecuted against for committing an assault on William Purvis, another puttier, whilst at work at Medley House on the 11th inst. —Complainant said he requested Jones to help him to put a belt on, when the latter jumped up, knocked him down, and then struck him in the mouth.—Defendant alleged that prevention threw a piece of wood at him, and then knocked him.—Defendant was fined 5s and costs.

HUSBAND AND WIFE AT WEST STANLEY.

Alexander Johnson, miner, was summoned for assaulting his wife, Catherine Johnson, at West Stanley, on the 12th inst.—Complainant alleged that defendant knocked her against the lumpstile in the kitchen, struck her in the face, and blackened her shoulder. Defendant assaulted her in a shocking fashion.—Defendant asserted that complainant struck him with the way complainant was using one of the children, and he accordingly punished her.—The Bench ordered the defendant to pay a fine of 5s and costs.

A ROW AT TANFIELD LEA.

Elizabeth Jackson and Hannah Jackson, sisters, living at Tanfield Lea, were summoned for assaulting Elizabeth Douglass, of *Low Fell*, on Friday, the 15th inst. Mr. T. W. Wellesley appeared for the complainant; said that she went down to her sister-in-law's (Hannah Jackson's) house, at Tanfield Lea, to see her mother away. She was getting parish relief, and was not having it well treated by her daughters. When she entered the house the defendants attacked her, gave her a black eye, and discolored her right shoulder. —The defence was that Mrs Douglass went to Jackson's house and caused a disturbance. They were obliged to put her out.—The summons was dismissed.

RELATIVES DO NOT AGREE.

John Hogg was charged with assaulting Patrick Smiley at Catchgate on the 16th inst.—Evidence having been tendered by the prosecutor showing that defendant assaulted him, the latter declared that Smiley was the aggressor, inasmuch as he was continually making mischief between him (Hogg) and his wife.—Defendant was fined 5s and costs.

ASSAULT AT LANCHESTER.

Thomas Walton pleaded not guilty to a charge of assaulting Margaret Pemberton, married woman, at Lanchester, on the 6th inst.—The prosecutor could not appear owing to illness, but her daughter appeared, and stated that defendant struck her mother by the throat and threatened what he would do to her.—Inspector Daly said the case was one of a malicious exposure case that was tried at that court a few weeks ago.—The bench ordered defendant to pay 10s and costs, in default, 14 days hard labour.

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Six miners, named Michael and Stephen Dagg, William Elliott, Alex. Douglass, James and George Brown, were summoned for playing at pitch and toss at West Stanley on the 19th inst.—Mr. Joseph Waller proved the case.—Defendants were fined 2s 6d and costs.

BREACHES OF THE PEACE.

Joseph Vickers and Fred Dixon were proceeded against for fighting at Catchgate on the 16th inst.—Defendants were each bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and pay 2s 6d each and costs.

Thos. and Kennan, James Keenan, Michael and Nicholas Kelly were likewise charged for a similar offence at Hedlinsgate, near Catchgate, on the 16th inst.—Defendants were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and defray the costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

John Wilson pleaded guilty to a charge of trespassing in pursuit of conies at Craghead on the 3rd inst. A gamekeeper named Robertson spoke to the fact that the defendant ranging the bush.—Defendant was fined 10s and costs.

A charge was preferred against John Wright for a similar offence at Hedley Hill by George Sanderson, but his case was dismissed.

DID HE MAINTAIN HIS WIFE.

William Bryant, miner, was charged by his wife, Catherine Bryant, miner, at Ansfield Plain on the 6th inst., for neglecting to maintain his wife.—Complainant averred that they lived at West Stanley, and defendant had refused to maintain her. He had repeatedly assaulted her, and had threatened her life.—P.C. Carruthers deposed that on Tuesday afternoon about five o'clock he saw the three prisoners loitering about the streets of Consett. Hearing a report that a till robbery had taken place he kept a sharp watch the movements of the above youths, who began to look into the windows and examine the goods displayed in the several shop doors in Middle Street. Presently the prisoners noticed that he was watching them, and they made across the street and made their way into Nile Street. The prisoners made his way through the Temperance Hotel, Nile Street, and having traversed along Albert Row, he saw the three prisoners standing at the door of a confectioner's shop in Nile Street. They then went into the public-house, and Leach stood at the door so as to keep watch. Shortly after Leach came out, Leach shouted "stop" and ran away. Moore made a rush out of the public-house, and got away. He succeeded in catching Fraser, who had a 2s piece in his pocket, and he charged him with what he was doing there he remarked that he was only getting the 2s changed. On charging the three youths with the offence they denied the same. He might state that at Matthew's shop he found that the three pennyworth had paid is amongst them for their night's lodgings.

P.C. Wardell spoke to apprehending two of the lads, who were travelling from Consett on Tuesday morning by the 9.20 train bound for Berwick. He got into the carriage one of the youths attempted to make his escape.

Supt. Bonnies said the prisoners were noted characters, and had a large number of convictions against them.

The magistrates committed prisoners to goal for three months with hard labour.

A VIOLENT THUMP.

Murton Foley, a rough looking fellow was charged with begging at the Ford Hill Lodge, Lanchester, on the 20th inst.—Defendant was further charged with threatening Mrs Greaves at the Lodge on the same date, also with assaulting P.C. Robertson at Lanchester on the 19th February.—Evidence was tendered by Mrs Greaves to the effect that the prisoner was begging at the Lodge, and he also refused the threatened to fill the house with fleas. He repeatedly continued about begging.—Foley was arrested by P.C. Robinson, and on the road to the police station of the 19th February, prisoner kicked and struck the officer and the latter was obliged to use his truncheon.—Prisoner was committed to goal for one month for begging, and also another month for assaulting the police. The other charge was dismissed.

CONSETT PETTY SESSIONS.

MONDAY, (February 25th.—Before COUN. JAMES ANSANDALE (chairman), J. W. WALTON WILSON, Esq., J. T. PORTER, Esq., W. B. VAN HASSENBURGH, Esq., and GEO. AUDENSHAW, Esq.

DRUNKENNESS.

Joseph Cain, Leadgate, was fined 5s and costs for the above offence.

John Thompson was charged with a similar offence at Consett.—Defendant said he had had very little to eat, and the drink got upon him more. He had been working on the new railway.—The case was dismissed, Mr Walton Wilson advising Thompson to keep out of the public-houses.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

The following persons were fined for this offence:—John Thompson, Ivyston, 5s and costs; John Clark, Leadgate, 5s and costs; Thomas Mackley Blackhill, 5s and costs; Owen Boyle, Blackhill, 5s and costs; Charles Bradley, Blackhill, 5s and costs; Thos. Tewiter, Burnopfield, 10s and costs; Thos. Davison and Joseph Young, Burnopfield, 10s and costs.

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Edmund Bryan was charged by Sergt. Mitchell with drunk and disorderly conduct on Saturday night last.—Defendant stated that he arrived in Consett on Saturday from Sunderland in search of work, and had only partaken of two gills of beer. However, he was not fond of alcohol and he never took effect on him. He had been in the Egyptian War, and had two medals, one with three bars. He was discharged from the army about three years since, when his time was up.—The Magistrates decided to dismiss the case.

DRUNK ON LICENSED PREMISES.

William Scott, Leadgate, was summoned for being drunk on licensed premises, on the 9th Feb. Defendant pleaded guilty, but said he got no drink in the house he was found in.—P.C. Nicholson deposed that on Saturday night, February 9th, he visited the Commercial Hotel, Leadgate, and saw defendant sitting with a glass half full of beer before him. He then asked defendant where he got the beer, and replied: Did you see me drink anything in the house?—The Officer: No.—The Magistrates thought that defendants would not be in such a condition as to know what he was doing unless he had got drink on the costs.

Harry Fitzpatrick, Dipton, was accused of a like offence.—P.C. Crabb asserted that on the night of the 16th inst. he found the defendant in Front Street, Leadgate, in company with Sergt. Nicholson. Defendant told that the landlord of the Queen's Head Hotel, Leadgate, wanted to see him, so they went to the house, and saw the landlord, who informed them that there had been a fight, but could not say who had been fighting had gone out. They then proceeded to the kitchen, where there was defendant's wife, who was very drunk, and had the appearance of having been in a fight. Sergt. Nicholson then called their attention to the man's condition, but he did not order him out. Woman and defendant were shown into the Front Sitten, but were afterwards told that they must fighten was going on. Defendant came out, consequently proceeded there again. Henry Fitzpatrick said "cre.king" a man out to fight. The landlord said that he had not seen any fighting in the house, but had had no drink. Defendant stated that he had had drink in the house, and gave it to him. The man was very drunk.—A fine of 10s and costs was imposed.

James Fitzpatrick, Leadgate, was charged with a similar offence at his own residence, Leadgate.—P.C. Crabb deposed that the man was in company with the previous defendant. The man was drunk, and had his coat off, and wanted to fight anybody in the house.—Defendant was fined 10s and costs.

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Thos. and Kennan, James Keenan, Michael and Nicholas Kelly were likewise charged for a similar offence at Hedlinsgate, near Catchgate, on the 16th inst.—Defendants were bound over in the sum of £5 to keep the peace for three months, and defray the costs.

GAME TRESPASS.

John Wilson pleaded guilty to a charge of trespassing in pursuit of conies at Craghead on the 3rd inst. A gamekeeper named Robertson spoke to the fact that the defendant ranging the bush.—Defendant was fined 10s and costs.

A charge was preferred against John Wright for a similar offence at Hedley Hill by George Sanderson, but his case was dismissed.

DID HE MAINTAIN HIS WIFE.

William Bryant, miner, was charged by his wife, Catherine Bryant, miner at Ansfield Plain on the 6th inst., for neglecting to maintain his wife.—Complainant averred that they lived at West Stanley, and defendant had refused to maintain her. He had repeatedly assaulted her, and had threatened her life.—P.C. Carruthers deposed that on Tuesday afternoon about five o'clock he saw the three prisoners loitering about the streets of Consett. Hearing a report that a till robbery had taken place he kept a sharp watch the movements of the above youths, who began to look into the windows and examine the goods displayed in the several shop doors in Middle Street. Presently the prisoners noticed that he was watching them, and they made across the street and made their way into Nile Street. The prisoners made his way through the Temperance Hotel, Nile Street, and having traversed along Albert Row, he saw the three prisoners standing at the door of a confectioner's shop in Nile Street. They then went into the public-house, and Leach stood at the door so as to keep watch. Shortly after Leach came out, Leach shouted "stop" and ran away. Moore made a rush out of the public-house, and got away. He succeeded in catching Fraser, who had a 2s piece in his pocket, and he charged him with what he was doing there he remarked that he was only getting the 2s changed. On charging the three youths with the offence they denied the same. He might state that at Matthew's shop he found that the three pennyworth had paid is amongst them for their night's lodgings.

P.C. Wardell spoke to apprehending two of the lads, who were travelling from Consett on Tuesday morning by the 9.20 train bound for Berwick. He got into the carriage one of the youths attempted to make his escape.

Supt. Bonnies said the prisoners were noted characters, and had a large number of convictions against them.

The magistrates committed prisoners to goal for three months with hard labour.

A VIOLENT THUMP.

Murton Foley, a rough looking fellow was charged with begging at the Ford Hill Lodge, Lanchester, on the 20th inst.—Defendant was further charged with threatening Mrs Greaves at the Lodge on the same date, also with assaulting P.C. Robertson at Lanchester on the 19th February.—Evidence was tendered by Mrs Greaves to the effect that the prisoner was begging at the Lodge, and he also refused the threatened to fill the house with fleas. He repeatedly continued about begging.—Foley was arrested by P.C. Robinson, and on the road to the police station of the 19th February, prisoner kicked and struck the officer and the latter was obliged to use his truncheon.—Prisoner was committed to goal for one month for begging, and also another month for assaulting the police. The other charge was dismissed.

EDUCATION ACT.

Henry Collins, Blackhill, was proceeded against by Mr A. McKean (school attendance officer to the Benfield Side School Board), for not sending three of his children regularly to school.—Defendant's wife appeared, and explained that the children had been ill, and had been kept at home in consequence of the severe weather.—The Magistrate's adjourned the case for a month to see whether the children attended more regularly.

A HEDGE-CUTTING TRANSACTION;

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "BOD AND BOOD.

Anthony Gibson and Thomas Bradley, was summoned by William Hunt, lessons, to recover £1 5s 3d, balance due for work done by complainant.—Mr J. M. Dorham (Consett and Durham) appeared for defendant, and said the sum of 10s had been tendered in settlement before proceedings were taken. They quite willing to pay that amount now.

Complainant said he had been a hedger to "slash" for defendant as 2d a rod inclusive of gaps. A rod was 7½ yards, and four went to the chain. He had to begin at the low end, and go right through. There was no gripple at the end the work, but only the measure. Defendant measured by what he called the "bod," (laughter) and there were seven yards to the rood. He (complainant) had never heard about a rood which he (complainant) had not measured himself by the legal measure, but defendant measured it by his rood measure. (Laughter.) Hunts (whose blood style caused much amusement in court) live hedged to the chairman his bill and measurements

The Chairman: No one was present besides himself and Mr Fewster when he made the agreement.—Defendant said he would pay him as he had rods to the chain, and measure right through.

Mr Mr Walton Wilson (magistrate): Defendant said he let the cutting by the rood.

Mr McCarran: But the question was what was the custom of the country amongst farmers?

Mr Walton Wilson said it was in the custom in the counties of Northumberland and Durham to call five yards a rood, seven yards a rood never.

Complainant said that might be, but he did not see how a legal measure of 5½ yards could grow into seven yards. He had never heard of seven yards by the rood, and he never would. He had been hedging for many years.

By Mr McCarran: He had measured the gaps, which would be about 2 yards. He had cut about one part of the country for 20 or 30 years, and had done the same kind of work for defendant. He had a second claim of 10s 6d against him.

Mr McCarran: Is that the question now?

Defendant: I don't know. How can I reckon it up unless a person tells me? (Laughter.)

NOTES FROM THE STEEPLE.

[BY THE "OLD CROW".]

Reverting to the subject mentioned a week ago, the proposed performance of the "Messiah" by the combined choirs of the Onsett Wesleyan Choir and friends, I am glad to say that, provided the concert proves successful, the inexperienced may be relieved of every anxious and painful feeling for a week and endeavour to form a new Choral Society. As readers are aware, for three years past, ever since the old Society ceased to be, efforts have been made from time to time in this direction, but never amongst the choirs, with the exception of the choirs in the direction of Leadgate and Consett, did there seem a prospect of success. A year or so ago something like a bend, but at the last moment, owing to something like a hend, but at the last moment, owing to something like a hend, but subsequently the unfortunate matter to nothing. In a general way, the Onsett people insisted, and where concerns like the Onsett, as some by very rarely given. I don't believe in any such an Amateur Musical Society well sustained, and on spectacular lines is a positive necessity. For a long time the old Choral Society proved so in the, and its performance gave enjoyment to hundreds. In our immediate district we have had a good of good voices, both new and old, which ought to be allowed to run to seed—if I may. Are these all going to "pieces"? With men like the Heydens, many be a bit prejudiced, Messrs. Stevenson, and Mr. Davidson, Scalligg, Stanley, Stevenson, &c., I don't suppose it is a positive reproach the such an attempt as it is about to be made. Is it good to against about continue to exist. Is it good to against about continue to exist. Is it good to allow so far? A good opportunity offers itself now to those who have energy, spirit, and interest in music to come to the front. Consett and the surrounding concert-loving district will be supplied with many important works, and has come out of them as well from reputable conductors, as any. Some may be mentioned the "Messiah," "Elijah," "Creation," "Judas Maccabæus," "May Queen," "Ye Kynge's Minstrelsie," besides several highly successful miscellaneous concerts. It has been the opinion of many musicians in Jarrow many considered vocalists, who otherwise would have been known only by name to scores of local concert goers. With capital programme and a good number of honorary subscribers, a power ful committee, and an active secretary, and band, there has not been, at this conductor in the person of Mr J. M. Preston, a single musical possible requisite which is likely to achieve greater things. At the moment the number of persons actively enhanced by Judas Maccabæus for performance early next month. It has been "on" for performance early next month. It has been my duty, as a local critic, to attend the practices of the society, and the society has given so far, and I am hoped to have the pleasure of being present at the coming one. Why should not Consett emulate Jarrow! The elements of a successful society are present. Who will volunteer to bring them together!

The intense frost of a fortnight ago seems to have left us or at any rate there are indications that it will depart. We have done so. But for all that there is plenty of room for improvement still, and we could well dispense with the present cold, raw, chilling, and damp cold, so eminently calculated to influence the spread of influenza which, judging by the number of persons who are suffering from it, has not lost, as this conductor in the person of Mr J. M. Preston, its malignant possible requisite which is likely to achieve greater things. At the moment the number of persons actively enhanced by Judas Maccabæus for performance early next month. It has been "on" for performance early next month. It has been my duty, as a local critic, to attend the practices of the society, and the society has given so far, and I am hoped to have the pleasure of being present at the coming one. Why should not Consett emulate Jarrow! The elements of a successful society are present. Who will volunteer to bring them together!

Speaking of the illegality of the practice of cropping dogs' ears—a state of things brought about by the recent remonstrance against the practice by the Prince of Wales, "To-Day" says:—If the cropping of dogs' ears had not been made an illegal act, the article in the subject which appeared in last week's Sporting Chronicle would probably have opened the eyes of justice to the terrible cruelty of the practice. The article in question was that of the fair idea of how the ears of dogs were mutilated, and the accompanying illustrations of the instruments for cropping, and the instruments employed in the operation, are sufficiently horrible to make one think that such pictures will be impossible in the future. At Crufts's Dog Show, last week, there was one unoccupied "bull terrier" exhibited in the novice class. In appearance, and exercise, he differed enormously from his companions, though certainly not to his own disadvantage. A close inspection of his uncropped ears that he could get no further than "highly commended."

Mr. Mark Linden, of the Victoria Theatre, West Stanley, deserves no little amount of enterprise and his efforts to put before the local playgoers something worthy of their support and encouragement in proper recreation. Last week, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was the attraction, and during the present week the troupe of children, known as the "Midget Minstrels," have drawn the rear of the building, and diverting entertainment to the delight of audiences. I hear Mr. Linden will go and prosper according to his deserts.

Is it not really marvellous, the progress made by the athletic sports—the last of which was held at Shotton Bridge? And is not the district deserving of congratulation on the present advanced state of affairs? "Ra. Offscourers!" Not by any means. Only those before the authorities some five or six years—and, by the way, I observe that in last week's "Guardian" that "the plans are to be ready by the end of March." But then, you see, we live in an age of progress.

How much I should have enjoyed being present at the Wednesday evening concert at the Old Town Hall, Consett. I refer to the Married Ladies' Recreation. According to report, it was a most happy gathering, as, of course, it was reasonable to expect it would be. But local recreation is a commodity in which possibilities seemed to hold out: "entertainment, music, novelties, and supper"—so ran the advertisement. Other than the what could be wished for more! I don't know how it struck others, but the mere mention of "novelties" tickles my fancy more than anything else. Novelties are not always pleasant to the taste, but there is a curious and irresistible suggestiveness about "novelties" that seems to me to be a happy expression, to take the cake. I don't wish to suppose what it was, but upon the whole seems to me in it something that smacks off such trifles as hunt the slipper, kiss in the ring, clean shaved, and mulberry bush; old maid, etc.,—and such innocent little diversions as we were wont to indulge in at our barrow childhood days, long before we became steady going, sober minded members of society. But as I remarked at the outset of this paragraph, Mr. Preston, of the Old Town, was present that evening and I have only first been indulging myself in the consideration of the possibilities surrounding the numerous term—"novelties."

COLLIERLEY SCHOOL BOARD.

The usual monthly meeting of this Board was held on Wednesday week. The Rev. Canon Dodd, Schools. Mr. J. W. Taylor (chairman) presided, and there were also the following present:—Messrs. Clark, Wm. Young, S. Swalwell, W. Etteringham, and the Clerk (Mr. David Mills.)

TEACHERS' REPORTS.

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.

No. on books, 272; average attendance, 196·6

GENTLEMEN,—I regret that I was so ill to be in attendance on the following dates:—Jan. 22 to 24, and Jan 29 and 30. Since the last date I have been able to attend somewhat irregularly. The present weather has severely affected the attendances.

The registers require collecting, and are not yet completed. The school bank opened on Jan. 28. I shall be glad to receive any suggestions as to the best way of making it desirable. A fortnight's notice must be given to the Inspector.

A. E. HAYS.

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.

No. on books, 214; average attendance, 166.

GENTLEMEN,—The attendance for the month shows no improvement on the last report. Two half holidays have been given in consequence of severe weather. One of the teachers, Miss E. Teasdale, has been absent a week through illness.

Will you please let me know why you can be present as an examination of the scholars for prizes. For attendance allowing only 56 girls are qualified to receive prizes. Has the annual holiday to be given on Shrove Tuesday?

S. E. HIPSON.

INFANTS DEPARTMENT.

No. on books, 215; average attendance, 166 8.

GENTLEMEN,—In order to make up the children's prize list will you please fix a day for the examination? On Wednesday, Feb. 6th, the weather continuing very stormy during the morning, the school was closed at 12 o'clock.

The average will be dependent on the number of attendances up to the end of March. This week the attendance is a great deal better.

M. CASS.

PRIZES.

In answer to a question, the Clerk said between 60 and 70 pounds had last year for the prizes. He thought a slight misunderstanding existed with respect to the prizes and attendances.

The CHAIRMAN said they could not give prizes for attendances.

Mr YOUNG thought they could take the question of the attendances into consideration.

The CHAIRMAN: Oh, yes.

THE LOW ATTENDANCE

The CHAIRMAN remarked that this had been an exceptional winter, and they could not help the poor attendances.

EXAMINATION OF SCHOLARS.

The CHAIRMAN enquired what day would suit the members to attend at the school to make an examination of the scholars in respect of the prizes?

Mr YOUNG said any day would suit him.

It was decided that the members now present attend the school on Wednesday morning next at 9·30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of the Collierley School Board.

GENTLEMEN,—As you will see by the various returns of to-day our attendance for the past month has been the worst in my experience, having only reached 7 per centage of attendance.

The severe weather and consequent sickness combined in a few cases with dire poverty has made decent attendance an impossibility.

In the report book will be found the names of nine of our worst offenders, some of whom no excuse has been offered.

The heavy fall of snow has, broken a deal of the fencing along the rear of the buildings, which I have renewed [illegible] with stones.

I have procured from Messrs. Walker and Sons one-and-a-half dozen bars for the boiler furnaces.

Awaiting your instructions as regards fires and low attendance, I [illegible]

I am, Gentlemen, your Obedient Servant,

D. MOLE.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the low percentage of attendance was undoubtedly due to the severe weather.

Mr SWALWELL: Yes, certainly.

BROKEN SPECTING.

The CHAIRMAN thought it would be necessary to have the spouting renewed.

Mr SWALWELL said the Clerk should be instructed to have the spouting attended to.

A letter was read from Mr A. E. Hayes, making application for the use of one of the school rooms for a lantern entertainment on Monday, March 11th, for the benefit of his band of instruction.

On the motion of Mr SWALWELL, seconded by Mr. CLARK, the application was granted.

THE EVENING CLASSES.

It was resolved that these classes be closed as early as possible.

FIRE GRANT.

The Clerk read a communication from Mr Wm. Tucker, assistant secretary, Education Department, Whitehall, London, stating that the Treasury General had been authorised to pay to the London agent of the bank at which the account of the Board is kept, the sum of £68 5s., in respect of the treatment of fire grant money.

THE SLACKNESS OF TRADE.

The Clerk explained that the treasurer (Mr T. L. Gibson) would be informed that the rate collected would be less than usual, owing to the depressed of trade, caused by the cold state of trade.

This wasall the business.

TRADE NOTES.

Durham Coal Trade.—At a meeting of the Durham Coal Trade Association on Saturday to consider the question of the standard price of coals sold by the Association, it was decided to slightly reduce the standard price; but the reduction is not a large one—5d. it is said.

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL.

Birtley Division.

On Tuesday week a meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall, Birtley, to further the candidature of Mr. William Allison, for the County Council, for the Birtley division. Mr. Sam Lee, J.P., Chairman of Major Todd presided, and expressed his confidence in Mr. Allison's ability to represent the County Council, who had been announced to speak for the Liberal candidate, Mr. Hedley, could not be present. Mr. Allison was warmly received, who said that the Tyne Bridge election was conducted on such side issues that the real question of the County Council was lost sight of. Robert Wilkes, ex-M.P. for Gateshead, years standing and each was sorry they were beaten by one vote, and now they were contesting. They had agreed that neither scurrility nor personalities should be used in the current year. He concluded by recalled as follows:—President, Hon. Major W. J. Allison; vice-presidents, Messrs. Sam Lee, J.P., Birtley; hon. secretary, Scott Instructor E. Urry; treasurer, Mr. J. Allison; assistant secretaries, Sergeant Instructor Selcke, and Corporal W. March; committee, Sergt. Instructor Selcke, Corporal W. March, Privates Swallow, Dodds, Scott, Todd, Hall, Hume, and Sergt. J. Marley. The hon. secretary (Sergt. Urry) was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his past services; and after the Chairman's response, the meeting terminated.

"HOW TO DEBATE."—This is a handy little work containing the rules of debate, hints on public speaking, and other useful information for members of debating societies. The work, which is published at the small price of sixpence, may be had at Robert Jackson's, bookseller, Front Street, and Mr. Newcastle Street, Consett.

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Sporting Items

BEATON HARRIERS.—On Saturday afternoon, the members of the Beaton Polysemic Harriers had an interesting run with the Newcastle Harriers. The visitors arrived by the 2·40 p.m. train, and proceeded to the headquarters of the Beaton club (Shotton Bridge), where everything was in readiness. There were altogether a fifteen of the Newcastle men, and only a few pedes of the Beaton men were present. The Rev. R. Murray (Newcastle, with), Foster, J. W. Thompson (Beaton), and Cowdrey (Newcastle), were the winners. The weather was fine, but the roads were in a bad condition, and in some places they proved to be very heavy, and rendered going tedious. The route was almost as difficult a one as could have been chosen, and comprised some eight miles, and lay through the headquarters through Burgton, up Dunstan Hill, Bath to Path Head, then through Kibblesworth, and up the bank to Winlaton, down Cuckoo Nancy to Winlaton Mill, and then through Blaydon, past the Spa Well, Scotswood Bridge, then through to the Scotswood Road, and on to the Three Tuns Hotel, Elswick, where the finish of the journey proved. The Rev. M Greene (Rector of Beaton) presided, and during the evening a musical programme was rendered, the gentlemen being of a most enjoyable character.

SHOOTING.

Byrne W. H. (Consett Association), engaged a most successful reunion of the members of this club was held in the Newcastle Arms, Byrne. The proceedings took the form of a repast and dance, and were very enjoyable. The chairman was Mr. Joseph Byrne, and the M.C.'s were Messrs Yielder (secretary), R Newton, and Young. The committee of the above society were represented in a manner emblematic of the pastime, golf clubs being used as chairmen's hammers. During the course of the evening songs were rendered by Messrs Allison, Bowman, R. Moore, Yielder, Miss E Teasdale, and others. Messrs O and Mrs Foster supplied the music.

SHOOTING.

Broomhill, near Elsdester.—A sparrow shooting match between Broomhill and Lintzford, secured 46 entries, was decided on a field adjacent to the Raven Inn, Broomhill, near Elsdester, on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of spectators. The promoter (Mr. William Temperley, the landlord of the above hostelry) added 20s. to an entrance fee of 1/6 per lot. Scores:—Whiskers (Lintzford), 21; Bell, 20; Wilson, 19; Curtis, 18; Wills, 9; Cuddy, 9; Ion, 15; T. Simpson, 9; Armstrong, 17; Mr. Temperley, 15; Mary Anne, 19 (lost); Perry, 9; Number One, 11; Edmund, 22nd (lost); Wandy Bill, 11; Dead Shot, 11; Jocker (2nd lot), 11; T. Wigham, 11; Railway Hotel, 9; Pot Luck, 9; J. Robinson, 9; G. Robinson, 9; Cascade, 9; Jack, 9; Ghost, 9; Lord Lascelles, 22nd lot); 11; Old Jack, 19; Greenfield, 9; Double Six, 11; Dick, 9; Bonnie, 9 (2nd lot), 11. Stakes divided. Referee Mr. T. Mason, Allendale Cottages.

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Crookgate, near Burnopfield.—The following are the scores of the pigeon shooting seven promoted by Mr. Mitchell, who added £1 to the entrance fees, and which was begun on Saturday afternoon in a field at Crookgate, near Burnopfield:—Riverside, 2; 111; Bad Luck, 2l, 111; Lakeside, 2l, 1 11; Midfield, 2l, 111; 2nd lot, 11; Jocker (2nd lot), 11; Old Jack, 19; Greenfield, 9; Double Six, 11; Dick, 9; Bonnie, 9 (2nd lot 1, 11. Stakes divided. Referee Mr. T. Mason, Allendale Cottages.

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WEARDALE NOTES.

[BY Weardale.]

Some capital concerts have been held during the week in Weardale, at Westgate, Stanhope, Frosterley, and Wolsingham, and an entertainment and dance at Eastgate. The Yuletide at Stanhope was a very jolly, although local, time immensely and are thinking of visiting neighbouring towns. Some of them were engaged for the erection of a new Mechanics' Institute for Crawleyside.

The benefit concert at Stanhope on Saturday night was only thinly attended on account of the weather, and the small earnings of the working men of late.

A number of red grouse were seen on Tuesday, Shield Ash feeding on the lawn on the three beaches. There is nothing for them to get on the moors at present. The frost scares most snares, and the sportsmen will be only right sorry if they have no sport at all. They should have fed them, and occasionally sent their keepers out on the moors to have a bit beather and send hill. With plenty of corn on the hills, the poor things have been starved by the hundred.

We are likely to have a school board election in Weardale next year. The Wesleyan and Primitives nominated almost warrant an election. Sufficient numbers will hardly withdraw to prevent one.

The funeral of Mr. Wm. Maddinson, at Frosterley, on Saturday was an unusually large one. He often expressed a wish to die in the winter, and his desire was gratified. While the congregation was singing his favourite hymn he was taken to rest by the everlasting song of the redeemed before the throne.

Mr. W. Maddinson, of Frosterley was one of the brave fellows who have for years worshipped in the Bridge Chapel. He has built and rebuilt them some 35 years ago, and has been a consistent Methodist ever since. Three years ago he went to the, Frosterley Primitives.

He took great interest in Sunday-school work, and was zealously to promote its best interests and the welfare of the children. He died in harness. His life was a hymn of praise, he died as he lived, and he has gone to rest. Truly a man was a treasure from his home on earth to his home above.

The usually quiet little village of Stanhope last week was somewhat excited at the elopement of a servant girl with a married man. Stanhope's resident, said to be a married man. "They sailed for America, viâ Liverpool," and asked to return home by kind friends, but all to no avail. They passed the burning pool with her gallant for the land of wonders.

At a workhouse in one of the Durham dales a gentleman of the cloth went to preach to the inmates. During the service he was very much pleased with marked attention of two of his congregation and after the service was over said to the master he had been very pleased with the intelligent appearance and marked attention of two of his congregation. During the sermon they listened to him attentively and appeared to appreciate his remarks very much. Said the master, "the two men you noticed are deaf and dumb, and are not compos mentis. We generally allow them to attend the services simply because of the kind feelings of the gentlemen of the cloth may be better reciprocated than otherwise.

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STANLEY POULTRY, PIGEON, RABBIT AND CAVY SOCIETY.

The second show of this society was held on Friday and Saturday last, and judging by the attendance, there seems to be every prospect of a flourishing future.

The various classes were well supported, and poultry formed the most prominent feature. A few ducks were exhibited, Pigeons and rabbits, the most prominent of this class being Hobbies.

Cavies were classed well, and some very fine specimens were shown. Mr. Lee the enterprising secretary has worked very hard, and had the assistance of a good committee. The following are the prizetakers:—

POULTRY.

Brahma Cock:—1st and special, R. Shield, Stanley; 2nd, special, M. Masterman, West Stanley; 3rd, Thos. Rumming, Cumberland.

Brahma Hen:—1st, C. J. Rice, Derby; 2nd, J. H. Dorion, Burnopfield; 3rd, J. Allison, Chester-le-Street. Highly commended, W. Glossop, Derbyshire; R. Shield, Scrubwell; Thos. Rumming, Cumberland; Jos. Robinson, Pontop Pike, Burnopfield; Geo. Potts, Pelton Fell, Stanley; 2nd, R. Shield, Scrubwell; 3rd, Jos Waite, Stanley; commended, Jas. Robinson, Beamish; Jas. Plymouth Rock Hen:—1st and special, Thos. Dowson, Tow Law; 2nd, R. Shield, Scrubwell; 3rd, Geo. Potts, Stanley; commended, Jas. Nicholson, East Stanley.

Minorca Cock:—1st, M. Turnbull, Bewick Main; 2nd, Hy. Ettringham, Blackhill; 3rd, E. Dickinson, Derwent Main Station; highly commended, John Richardson, Cross Lane.

Minorca Hen:—1st, and special, John Kinsella, Cumberland; 2nd, J. Stoker, Birtley; 3rd, E. Dickinson, Derwent Main Station; special, John Richardson, Stanley; commended, Henry White, Stanley.

Leghorn Cock:—1st, John Liddle, Kip Hill; 2nd, Wm. Lee, Chester-le-Street; 3rd, Thos. Bewon, East Stanley.

Leghorn Hen:—1st, Geo. Dower and Son, Waterhouse; 2nd, Wm. Harris, Lanchester; John Matthias Kelley, Tanfield Lea; Highly Commended, R. Hunter, Tanfield Lea.

Hamburg Cock (Gold or Silver Spangled):—1st, J. W. Milburn, Tanfield Lea; 2nd, Wm. Glendenning, Derbyshire; 3rd, W. J. Ridley, Frosterley; Highly commended, Frank Barnes, Stanley.

Hamburg Hen (Gold and Silver Spangled):—1st, J. W. Milburn, Tanfield Lea; 2nd, W. J. Ridley, Frosterley; Highly commended, W. Glossop, Derbyshire; 2nd, J. H. Dorion, Burnopfield; 3rd, R. Hunter, Tanfield Lea.

Hamburg Cock (Gold or Silver Spangled):—1st, and 2nd, W. J. Ridley, Frosterley; 3rd, J. W. Milburn, Tanfield Lea.

Hamburg Hen (Gold or Silver Spangled):—1st and special, J. and W. Milburn, Tanfield Lea; 2nd, W. J. Ridley, Frosterley; 3rd, Wm. Glendenning, Derbyshire; special, W. Harrison and Son, Crow Lane; Highly Commended, J. R. Hunter, Tantobie; W. Bell, Tanfield Lea.

Hamburg Cock (Black):—2nd and 3rd, W. J. Ridley, Frosterley.

Hamburg Hen (Black):—1st and 2nd, W. J. Ridley, Frosterley; 3rd, Geo. Dower and Son, New Winning; special, W. Turner, Scott's Houses, Stanley.

Game Cock (Black or Brown Red):—1st, Mrs. Harewaye, Windermere; 2nd, Jas. Nicholson, Grange-over-Sands; 3rd, John Metcalf, Annfield Plain; special, Thos. Dowson, Tow Law; Highly Commended, J. and T. Carrick, Frosterley.

Game Hen (Black or Brown Red):—1st, Mrs. Harewaye, Windermere; 2nd, J. Mossey, Grange-over-Sands; 3rd, J. and T. Carrick, Frosterley; Highly Commended, Thos. Davison, Annfield Plain.

Game Cock (Any other colour):—1st, Mrs. Harewaye, Windermere; 2nd, J. and T. Carrick, Frosterley; 3rd, John Metcalf, Annfield Plain.

Game Hen (Any other colour):—1st and special, J. and T. Carrick, Frosterley; 2nd, John Metcalf, Barnopefield; 3rd, John Metcalf, Annfield Plain.

Game Cock (Old English):—1st, Geo. Dower and Son, Rolson, Cumberland; 2nd, G. Southward, Carlisle; 3rd, R. Hunter, Tanfield Lea; Highly Commended, Hy. Binns, Sunderland; G. Pear, Cumberland; W. Bell, Tanfield Lea; R. Shield, Scrubwell, very highly commended; J. R. Halliday, Carlisle; J. W. Simpson, Cumberland; J. Gibb, Stanley.

Game Hen (Old English):—1st, J. W. Simpson, Cumberland; 2nd, Geo. Grant, Woolsides; 3rd, John Peck, Carlisle; very Highly Commended, J. R. Halliday, Carlisle; J. W. Simpson, Cumberland; Highly Commended, John Atkin, Tanfield Lea.

Game Cockerel (Old English) Bred in 1894:—1st and special, J. S. Robson, Cumberland; 2nd, Edward Johnson, Cumberland; 3rd, John Parks, Carlisle; special, John Gallon, Tanfield Lea; Highly Commended, John Gollon, Tanfield Lea; R. Parkin, Ogden; W. Hutchinson, Cumberland.

Game Pullet (Old English) Bred in 1894:—1st and special, J. W. Hutchinson, Bock, or Dew:—1st, Simpson, Cumberland; 2nd, Wm. Hindmarch, Northumberland; Very Highly Commended, J. Peck, Forster; Highly Commended, Hedley and Bear, Beamley; John Gale, Tanfield Lea; Jas. Dent, Wardside.

Wyandotte Hen:—1st and special, J. W. Anderson, Newfield; 2nd, Wm. Bigge, East Stanley; 3rd, Geo. Smith, Westerton; very highly Commended, Thos. Lockwood, Yorks; Highly Commended, Thos. Lockwood, Yorks.

Wyandotte Hen.—Thos. Lockwood, Yorks; 2nd, John W. Anderson, Newfield; 3rd, Jas. Cook, wood Yorks; Very highly commended, Jos Watson, Blacker; Highly commended, Jos. Watson, Stanley; Ornington, Cumberland; Jas. Cook, Washington; 2nd and 3rd, R. L. cocks, Percy Houses; Very highly commended, Jos. Watson, Ornington, Cumberland; Highly commended, Marley and Kennedy, Fell Top, Hamsterley.

Ornington Hen:—1st, J. C. Shanks, Carshy; 2nd, Mrs. Wilson, Wood Yorks; 3rd, Jos. Cook, Orton, Fench-Houses; Very highly commended, Sel. Ed. Bowen, Hylton Castle; Highly Commended, Kendall.

Malay, or Indian Game Cock:—1st, Capt. C. D. Hicks, Yorks; 2nd, Edwin Atkinson, Westmoreland; Sel. Ed. Bowen, Hylton Castle.

Malay, or Indian Game Hen:—1st, E. Atkinson, Westmoreland; 2nd, Edward Hodgson, Pelton Colliery; 3rd, Joe Dodgson, Jarrow; Highly Commended, Newman and Sons, Sunderland.

Any other variety not mentioned—Cock:—1st and special, J. T. Carrick, Frosterley; 2nd, J. W. Chambers, Kibblesworth Colliery; 3rd, R. and J. Dixon, Pelton Fell.

Any other variety not mentioned—Hen:—1st, Marley and Kennedy, Fence Houses; 2nd, J. and T. Parrish, Chopwell; 3rd, Thos. Davison, Annfield Plain; J. White, Northchester; Thos. Smith, Harraston; Highly Commended, Thos. Smith, Heathpool, Tyne.

Selling Class Cock—Price not to exceed 6s—1st, J. Dudgeon, Jarrow; 2nd, and special, W. Turner, Scott's Houses; 3rd, John Wade, Stanley; Highly Commended, A. H. Swinburn, Stanley; Mrs. Harewaye, Windermere.

Selling Class Hen—Price not to exceed £1 10s—1st and special, Thos. Shaw, Shotley Bridge; 2nd, John White, Northchester; 3rd, R. Gibson, Stanley; Very Highly Commended, R. Gibson, Stanley; M. Turnbull, Bewick Main.

Selling Class Cock or Hen.—Price not to exceed 10s—1st, W. Dowison, Rothbury; 2nd, J. and T. Carrick, Frosterley; 3rd, Geo. Dower and Son; Very Highly Commended, Marley and Kennedy, Fence Houses; Frosterley Stanley; W. and J. Ridley, Frosterley; Highly Commended, Thos. Davison, Annfield Plain; Jas. Coates, Darlington.

Duck and Drake:—1st, Capt. C. D. Hicks, Yorks; 2nd, Jas. Nicholson, Pontop Pike, Burnopfield; T. Watson, Stanley.

Game Bantam Cock (Black or Brown Red):—1st, and special, Marshall and Son, Chesterle-Street; 2nd, Robt. Foster, Cockfield; 3rd, Thos. Dowson, Whickham; Very Highly Commended, A. H. Swinburn, Stanley; Thos. Shaw, Shotley Bridge; Highly Commended, Jas. Morpeth, Annfield Plain; Thos. Dowson, Tow Law.

Game Bantam Hen (Black or Brown Red):—1st, and 2nd, R. Swinburn, Stanley; 3rd, Jos. Dodgson, Jarrow; 3rd, Master A. Carruthers, Moffett.

Game Bantam Cock (Any other colour):—1st and special, Thos. Whickham; 2nd, Elliott and Humble, Sunderland; 3rd, Wm. Smith, Stanley; Very Highly Commended, Marley and Kennedy, Fell Top; Highly Commended, Walker and Forster, Willeyburn; commended, Jas. Richardson, Cross Lane; Thos. Milton, Sunderland.

Game Bantam Hen (Any other colour):—1st and 2nd, Jno. Ann Shaw, Marley Hill; 3rd, Jas. Morpeth, Annfield Plain; Very Highly Commended, Jacob Gowland, Kin Hill; Highly Commended, Walker and Forster, Willeyburn; commended, Thos. Milton, Sunderland; Thos. Nicholson, East Stanley.

Bantam, Black or White Rose Comb Cock:—1st and special, Gerald and Bell, Stocksfield; 2nd and spl. special, A. H. Swinburn, Stanley; 3rd, Pickering and Sen, Tanfield Lea; Very Highly Commended, Hy. Bertle, Tanfield Lea; Highly Commended, R. Shield, Scrubwell; Commended, J. R. Johnson, Northumberland.

Bantam, Black or White Rose Comb Hen—1st R. Shield, Scrubwell; 2nd, Geo. Redhead, Jarrow; 3rd, Hy. Bertle, Tanfield Lea; Very Highly Commended, Jos. Dent, Annfield Plain; Highly Commended, Thos. Shield, Willerstem; Hodgson and Thom, Lintz Green; G. T. Bentle, Thorpethice; Pickering and Son, Tanfield Lea; Fren Family, Stanley.

Bantam Cock any other variety (not Game):—1st, R. J. Coxon, Fence Houses; 2nd, Frew Family, Scotland; 3rd and special, Master W. Anderson, Stanley.

Bantam Hen any other variety not Game):—1st and special, Frew Family, Scotland; 2nd, R. J. Coxon, Fence Houses; 3rd, John Pickering, Tanfield Lea; Very Highly Commended, R. Hudgins, Tanfield Lea; Highly Commended, Jno Hill, Chester-le Street.

PIGEONS.

Dragon, Blue Cock or Hen:—1st and special, W. T. Brown, Tanfield Lea; 2nd, Hy. Hall, Dene Yorks; 3rd, W. T. Brown, Tanfield Lea; Very Highly Commended, Matthew Hall, Dene, Yorks; Tantobie.

Dragon, Blue Cock or Hen bred in 1894 (must wear Ring):—1st, Robt. Shield, Scrubwell; 2nd, Robinson and Anderson, Birtley; 3rd, W. T. Brown, Tanfield Lea; Very Highly Commended, Jacob Gowland, Kip Hill.

Dragon, any other colour, Cock or Hen:—1st and special, Wild and Bros, Yorks; 2nd, W. T. Brown, Tanfield Lea; 3rd, W. T. Brown, Tanfield Lea.

Dragon, any other colour, bred in 1894, (must wear Ring):—1st, W. T. Brown, Tanfield Lea; 2nd, Robinson and Anderson, Blaydon; 3rd, W. T. Brown, Tanfield Lea.

Antwerp Cock or Hen—1st and special, John Walker, West Stanley; 2nd, R. Shield, Scrubwell; J. R. Curry, East Stanley; Highly Commended, Jacob Gowland, Kip Hill.

Homer, Cock—1st and special, W. T. Brown, Tanfield Lea; 2nd and 3rd, W. T. Rimmer, Newcastle.

Homer, Hen—1st, W. T. Rimmer, Newcastle; 2nd, Boyd and Bros, Winlaton; 3rd, Hunter and Wilson, Harrow Road, East Stanley; Highly Commended, Harvey Bros, East Stanley.

Homer, Cock, bred in 1894 (to wear Ring):—1st, W. T. Rimmer, Newcastle; 2nd, Jos Mulgrew, Jarrow; 3rd, Jos Mulgrew, Jarrow; Highly Commended, Hunter and Wilson, North Shields; Geo. Cadwallader, Whickham.

Homer, Hen, bred in 1894 (to wear Ring):—1st, W. T. Rimmer, Newcastle; 2nd, Lishman and Sanderson, Hebburn; 3rd, W. T. Rimmer, Newcastle; Highly Commended, Chas. H. Vogt, Lodge, Jarrow; Hunter and Wilson, Harrow Road, East Stanley.

Any other variety, Cock or Hen:—1st and special, Wild and Bros, Yorks; 2nd, W. T. Brown, Tanfield Lea; 3rd, W. T. Brown, Tanfield Lea.

Selling Class, any variety (not to exceed 5s)—1st and special, Boyd and Bros, Winlaton; 2nd, Robt. Shield, Scrubwell; 3rd, Robinson and Anderson, Birtley; Highly Commended, R. Harrison and Son, Kelloe.

Selling Class Cock or Hen—1st, T. E. Jones, Kelloe; 2nd, Walker, West Stanley; 3rd, W. Curry, Tantobie; John Bowman, Craghead; Highly Commended, Ralph Foster, junr., Leadgate; Jacob Gowland, Kip Hill; R. F. Maughan, Tantobie.

Tumbler, long or medium-faced Cock or Hen:—1st, Robinson and Anderson, Birtley; 2nd, Highly Commended, Master J. D. Harvey, East Stanley; Highly Commended, Jas. Smailes, Jarrow; Commended, Ralph Foster, junr., Leadgate.

Tumbler, Short-faced Cock or Hen:—1st and special, Frank L. Hall, Dene, Yorks; 2nd, Robinson and Anderson, Birtley; Thos. Parkinson, Gosforth; highly commended, R. Hedley, Tanfield Lea.

Trail, Cock or Hen—1st and special, Boyd and Bros, Winlaton; 2nd, Robt. Arrels, Stanley; 3rd, Robinson and Anderson, Birtley; Highly Commended, very highly commended, R. Harrison and Son, Kelloe; Commended, R. Harrison and Son, Kelloe.

Selling Class, Cock or Hen.—Price not to exceed 5s—1st and special, John Bowen, Gateshead; 2nd, Robinson and Anderson, Birtley; 3rd, Robert Brou, Winlaton; very highly commended, S. J. Smailes, Jarrow; Highly Commended, Thompson, Jarrow; Jos Heath, Reddicth; Rice Bowen, Stanley.

MARRIAGES.

Belgian Hare, Buck or Doe:—1st, Price and Son, Hamsterley; 2nd, Jas. Dent, Wardside; 3rd, Robt. Kellow; 3rd, Walker and Runner; special, A. H. Swinburn, Stanley; Highly Commended, R. Harrison and Son, Kelloe.

Dutch Black or Blue Buck or Doe—1st and special, J. S. Tomlinson, Bishop Auckland; 2nd, Robt. Shield, Scrubwell; Fence Houses; 3rd, R. Harrison and Son, Kelloe; highly commended, Walker and Baker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Silver Grey or Dutch Buck or Doe—1st, Winn and Moore, Leeds; 2nd, Ramsey and Little, Jarrow; 3rd, Robinson and Anderson, Birtley; special, Matthew Masterman, Stanley.

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CAVIES.

Rough, any variety, Boar or Sow—2nd, John Thompson, Hull; 3rd, Edwin Halliday, Cornsay Colliery.

Smooth, Self, any colour, Boar or Sow:—1st, Jas. Robinson, Beamish Park; 2nd, Shield and Son, Ince, Hull; 3rd, Thos. Blackburn, North Shields.

Smooth, Variegated, any colour, Boar or Sow:—1st, Winn and Moore, Leeds; 2nd, F. W. Bidler, Hull; 3rd, Shield and Son, Ince, Hull.

Smooth, Tortoiseshell, or Brindled, Boar or Sow:—1st, Shield and Son, Ince, Hull; 2nd, J. R. Watkin, Hull; 3rd, J. T. Irwin, Tantobie; highly commended, Shield and Son, Ince, Hull; commended, Holding Bros, Crathead; Winn & Moore, Leeds; Geo. Gibson, Wrekenton; Mrs. Moor; John Thompson, Hull.

Smooth, Tortoiseshell and white, Boar or Sow:—1st, J. T. Irwin, Tantobie; 2nd, Winn and Moore, Leeds; 3rd, Shield and Son, Hull; very highly commended, W. J. Kay, Crook; Thos. Moor; John Hall, Thompson, Hull.

Smooth, Tricolour, any marked, Boar or Sow:—1st, W. J. Kay, Crook; 2nd, Winn and Moore, Leeds; 3rd, Shield and Son, Hull; highly commended, H. C. Edmond, Hull.

Any variety, other Marked, Boar or Sow:—1st, J. R. Watkin, Hull; 2nd, John Thompson, Hull; 3rd, Thos. Moor, Hull; highly commended, Winn and Moore, Leeds; W. Bowey, Hull; Shield and Son, Hull; Jas. Robinson, North Shields; Jas. Robinson, Beamish Park; commended, Shield and Son, Hull.

Rough, any variety, (not to exceed 7s) Boar or Sow—1st and special, J. R. Watkin, Hull; 2nd, Thos. Blackley; 3rd, John Bowdman, Craghead.

COUNTY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS.

DURHAM

The following are the names of the candidates who have been nominated for Local Divisions for the places on March 4th, 1895:—

Barkar Division.—Mrs. Allison, Bertler, colliery owner; Robert Wilson, Bertler, brick manufacturer.

Barnard Castle Division.—Mr. Bowes, Streatlam Castle; Arthur Douglas Cary, Whorlton, landowner; Robert Wilson, Bertler, brick manufacturer; land agent.

Bearpark Division.—Col. Leadhiter Smith, unopressed.

Lanchester Division.—Thomas John Moss, Philip Row, Consett, colliery manager; Robert Wilson, Bertler, brick manufacturer.

this division—Mr. T. J. Moss, of Castleside House, Consett, colliery manager; Mr. Philip Row, an accountant, of Annfield Plain; Mr. Robert Wilson, brick manufacturer, of Lanchester to be the Liberal candidates. Mr. Row, two minutes after the expiration of the time for receiving notices of withdrawal from the contest. The deputy returning officer, however, refused to receive it, on the ground that it was handed in too late.

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Consett Division.—Mr. Thomas Hedley, Consett, engineer; Mr. Leadhiter Smith, unopressed.

Leadgate Division.—John William Winter, West Rise Street, Leadgate, commission agent, unopressed.

Durham Division.—Mr. Thomas Grange, Durham, John Robert Charlton, mine.

Crook.—Mr. J. A. Pease, M.P., Snow Hall, Guisford, Darlington, unopressed.

Shincastle.—Mr. Arnold Foster, General Secretary to the Durham Colliery Mechanics' Association, unopressed.

Chester-le-Street.—Mr. Col. Marshall, Chesterle-Street, unopressed.

Blaydon.—Mr. William Paxton has resigned.

A BLACKHILL BEERHOUSE KEEPER CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

DEFENDANT COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Lanchester Police Court on Thursday after noon week — before Lieut.-Col. Leadhiter Smith (chairman), and other magistrates—Robert Stokoe, the landlord of the Gateshead Brandy Inn, Blackhill, was charged with committing perjury during the course of a trial at the Consett Petty Sessions on the 11th February, in which the defendant was charge with illegally selling whiskey without a license, on the 3rd of January. Mr T. W. Wardell (Consett) prosecuted, and Mr Alfred Appleby, of the firm of Messrs Lumsley and Appleby, Newcastle, defended.

Mr Appleby said before the case was gone into he wished to make an application for the Bench to grant summonses against the two policemen and two witnesses who gave evidence at the Consett Petty Sessions, on the 11th Feb., for the prosecution, for committing perjury.

The Magistrates Clerk (Mr Granger) said such was a new one in the course of his experience.

Mr Wellford: I don't think we should depart out of the ordinary course.

The Chairman: The magistrates refuse to grant the summonses.

Mr Wardell, in opening the case, said that of late a great amount of perjury had been going on in Police Courts and Petty Sessions, and it was now time something was done to put a stop to the same. Lord Londesborough had referred to the question at the Lancashire Assizes on Tuesday. He said — "There was no more dangerous offence against the community than this, and he was afraid those who either committed it or encouraged it must have arrived at the conclusion that there was a seris ius amount of perjury unaccompanied with perfect impunity. In the courts of justice, the judges were properly impressed to the seriousness of perjury, although they might strongly believe the offence had been committed, because they might be regarded as strongly prejudiced in favour of the party. An opportunity, however, of saying that it was more necessary than ever that with the consent of counsel the law should in cases where they clearly believed perjury had been committed, that the party on the bench should have the matter inquired into." Mr Wellford, continued the learned gentleman, was of the facts of the case. He said that when the case of selling the whiskey was heard a four months ago the defendant had only the barest of whiskey, any notwithstanding this the defendant had stated, and declared that he had sold the whiskey which he supplied was a gift, and that no sale took place. The case was such a glaring one that the police felt that they would be failing in their duty if they did not charge defendant with the present one. The defendant had given out that he had committed had not a license for to sell whiskey, and he had stated that he had not the sale take place, and had heard the whole of the conversation. He would now proceed to call witnesses.

Henry Robinson, clerk to Mr A. W. Granger, magistrate's clerk, was present in the Consett Police Court, on the 11th February, when the defendant Stokoe was charged with selling whiskey without a license, contrary to the Act 1877. He produced the notes he took of the proceedings, and read the oath (witness) administered the oath.

Defendant then said:

In the other variety Cock or Hen—1st and special, John Lister, Jarrow; 2nd, J. and W. Milburn, Tanfield Lea; 3rd, J. R. Hunter, Tantobie.

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Leadgate Division.—John William Winter, West Rise Street, Leadgate, commission agent, unopressed.

Durham Division.—Mr. Thomas Grange, Durham, John Robert Charlton, mine.

Crook.—Mr. J. A. Pease, M.P., Snow Hall, Guisford, Darlington, unopressed.

Shincastle.—Mr. Arnold Foster, General Secretary to the Durham Colliery Mechanics' Association, unopressed.

Chester-le-Street.—Mr. Col. Marshall, Chesterle-Street, unopressed.

Blaydon.—Mr. William Paxton has resigned.

A BLACKHILL BEERHOUSE KEEPER CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

DEFENDANT COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Lanchester Police Court on Thursday after noon week — before Lieut.-Col. Leadhiter Smith (chairman), and other magistrates—Robert Stokoe, the landlord of the Gateshead Brandy Inn, Blackhill, was charged with committing perjury during the course of a trial at the Consett Petty Sessions on the 11th February, in which the defendant was charge with illegally selling whiskey without a license, on the 3rd of January. Mr T. W. Wardell (Consett) prosecuted, and Mr Alfred Appleby, of the firm of Messrs Lumsley and Appleby, Newcastle, defended.

Mr Appleby said before the case was gone into he wished to make an application for the Bench to grant summonses against the two policemen and two witnesses who gave evidence at the Consett Petty Sessions, on the 11th Feb., for the prosecution, for committing perjury.

The Magistrates Clerk (Mr Granger) said such was a new one in the course of his experience.

Mr Wellford: I don't think we should depart out of the ordinary course.

The Chairman: The magistrates refuse to grant the summonses.

Mr Wardell, in opening the case, said that of late a great amount of perjury had been going on in Police Courts and Petty Sessions, and it was now time something was done to put a stop to the same. Lord Londesborough had referred to the question at the Lancashire Assizes on Tuesday. He said — "There was no more dangerous offence against the community than this, and he was afraid those who either committed it or encouraged it must have arrived at the conclusion that there was a seris ius amount of perjury unaccompanied with perfect impunity. In the courts of justice, the judges were properly impressed to the seriousness of perjury, although they might strongly believe the offence had been committed, because they might be regarded as strongly prejudiced in favour of the party. An opportunity, however, of saying that it was more necessary than ever that with the consent of counsel the law should in cases where they clearly believed perjury had been committed, that the party on the bench should have the matter inquired into." Mr Wellford, continued the learned gentleman, was of the facts of the case. He said that when the case of selling the whiskey was heard a four months ago the defendant had only the barest of whiskey, any notwithstanding this the defendant had stated, and declared that the whiskey which he supplied was a gift, and that no sale took place. The case was such a glaring one that the police felt that they would be failing in their duty if they did not charge defendant with the present one. The defendant had given out that he had committed had not a license for to sell whiskey, and he had stated that he had not the sale take place, and had heard the whole of the conversation. He would now proceed to call witnesses.

Henry Robinson, clerk to Mr A. W. Granger, magistrate's clerk, was present in the Consett Police Court, on the 11th February, when the defendant Stokoe was charged with selling whiskey without a license, contrary to the Act 1877. He produced the notes he took of the proceedings, and read the oath (witness) administered the oath.

Defendant then said:

In the other variety Cock or Hen—1st and special, John Lister, Jarrow; 2nd, J. and W. Milburn, Tanfield Lea; 3rd, J. R. Hunter, Tantobie.

Selling Class, Cock or Hen—Price not to exceed 5s—1st and special, Boyd and Bros, Winlaton; 2nd, R. Shield, Scrubwell; 3rd, Robinson and Anderson, Birtley; highly commended, Lishman and Anderson, Blaydon; commended, R. Harrison and Son, Kelloe.

Selling Class, Cock or Hen—Price not to exceed 5s—1st and special, John Bowen, Gateshead; 2nd, Robinson and Anderson, Birtley; 3rd, Robert Brou, Winlaton; very highly commended, S. J. Smailes, Jarrow; Highly Commended, Thompson, Jarrow; Jos Heath, Reddicth; Rice Bowen, Stanley.

MARRIAGES.

Belgian Hare, Buck or Doe:—1st, Price and Son, Hamsterley; 2nd, Jas. Dent, Wardside; 3rd, Robt. Kellow; 3rd, Walker and Runner; special, A. H. Swinburn, Stanley; Highly Commended, R. Harrison and Son, Kelloe.

Dutch Black or Blue Buck or Doe—1st and special, J. S. Tomlinson, Bishop Auckland; 2nd, Robt. Shield, Scrubwell; Fence Houses; 3rd, R. Harrison and Son, Kelloe; highly commended, Walker and Baker, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Silver Grey or Dutch Buck or Doe—1st, Winn and Moore, Leeds; 2nd, Ramsey and Little, Jarrow; 3rd, Robinson and Anderson, Birtley; special, Matthew Masterman, Stanley.

Silver Cream or Dutch Buck or Doe:—1st, Ramsey and Little, Lanchester; 2nd, R. Shield, Scrubwell; 3rd, Robinson and Anderson, Birtley.

Any Variety Except Lops, under four months, Buck or Doe:—1st, and special, F. Green, Northampton; 2nd, W. Hutchinson, Cumberland; 3rd, Walker and Baker, Newcastle-on-Tyne; highly commended, R. Harrison and Son, Kelloe; Walker and Runner, Stanley.

Selling Class, (not to exceed 7s) Buck or Doe:—1st, Winn and Moore, Leeds; 2nd, Robinson and Anderson, Birtley; Highly commended, R. Harrison and Son, Kelloe; Gerald and Little, Lanchester; Price and Sons, Newcastle.

CAVIES.

Rough, any variety, Boar or Sow—2nd, John Thompson, Hull; 3rd, Edwin Halliday, Cornsay Colliery.

Smooth, Self, any colour, Boar or Sow:—1st, Jas. Robinson, Beamish Park; 2nd, Shield and Son, Ince, Hull; 3rd, Thos. Blackburn, North Shields.

Smooth, Variegated, any colour, Boar or Sow:—1st, Winn and Moore, Leeds; 2nd, F. W. Bidler, Hull; 3rd, Shield and Son, Ince, Hull.

Smooth, Tortoiseshell, or Brindled, Boar or Sow:—1st, Shield and Son, Ince, Hull; 2nd, J. R. Watkin, Hull; 3rd, J. T. Irwin, Tantobie; highly commended, Shield and Son, Ince, Hull; commended, Holding Bros, Crathead; Winn & Moore, Leeds; Geo. Gibson, Wrekenton; Mrs. Moor; John Thompson, Hull.

Smooth, Tortoiseshell and white, Boar or Sow:—1st, J. T. Irwin, Tantobie; 2nd, Winn and Moore, Leeds; 3rd, Shield and Son, Hull; very highly commended, W. J. Kay, Crook; Thos. Moor; John Hall, Thompson, Hull.

Smooth, Tricolour, any marked, Boar or Sow:—1st, W. J. Kay, Crook; 2nd, Winn and Moore, Leeds; 3rd, Shield and Son, Hull; highly commended, H. C. Edmond, Hull.

Any variety, other Marked, Boar or Sow:—1st, J. R.