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CONSETT LOCAL BOARD ACCOUNTS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I observe a printer's error in the auditor's summary of receipts and payments, published by us on Sept. 3rd. You say, "Second rate made to 4th, 1879, on £21,342 17s 6d, at 1s 6d in the £1 it should be "sixpence in the pound," not one-and-sixpence."—Yours faithfully,

JOHN ELLIOTT,

Office, Parliament Street, Consett, 22nd September, 1880.

Markets.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET, Tuesday.—At this day's market the show of stock presented for sale exhibited a decline of 167 beasts, but an increase of 960 sheep and lambs as compared with that of last week. As respecting quality, there was no improvement to note, anything it was rather worse. If any of the old butchers of Newcastle, North or South Shields, or Sunderland, who departed this life thirty, forty, or fifty years ago, could have revisited this earth and witnessed a survey of American bullocks dressed at Tyne Dock or week for the London and provincial markets, it is believe they would have started back to their cold graves. The supply of beef comprised 1785 head. The better qualities of both bullocks and heifers experienced a slight improvement in the demand, and, generally speaking, prices had a rather hardening tendency; but for all the other kinds were slow at about former rates, with a middling finish. The number of sheep and lambs was 9,730. The mutton trade was completely devoid of animation, and business was mostly of a local character. A very few sales were effected for the South, and the tendency was in favour of the buyer. Lambs varied very much, and are fast drawing to a close. The primer are moved freely off at extreme currencies, but the middling and inferior kinds sold slowly at about former rates. Pigs—471 were shown. The pork trade was in a active state at an advance of 6d per stone on the rates of Tuesday last. The day was favourable for holding ar market, but the weather is cold nights and mornings with a somewhat unsettled aspect. Prices for this day, taking offal, are as follows:—

Coasts, prime heifers, per stone	9s 0d to 9s 3d
Secondary sorts	8s 6d .. 8s 9d
First-class oxen	7s 10d .. 8s 0d
Middling	6s 3d .. 6s 9d
Cows and inferior	5s 3d .. 6s 0d
Pork	6s 8d .. 9s 0d
Sheep (good vendable wedders) per lb	6d .. 9½d
Middling	5d .. 6d
Lambs	7½d .. 6½d

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £4 0s 0d to £5 10s; this year's growth, £3 0s to £5 0s 0d; new land hay, £5 15s to £7 5s; this year's growth, £2 10s to £5 0s per ton; wheat straw, 0s 0d to 0s 0d; barley straw, 1s 6d to 1s 11d; oat straw, 0s 0d to 0s 0d per thrave. Carts of hay at market, 87; carts of straw 9.

HEXHAM CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—Only thin supplies of grain at our market this morning. Barley fetched 27s per qr. Old oats 30s 6d per qr.

HEXHAM PROVISION, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per lb; eggs 8 to 10 for 1s; chickens, 1s 9d to 2s 3d; ducks, 2s 0d to 2s 6d; rabbits, 2s to 2s 6d per couple; potatoes, 6d; onions 1s 2d to 1s 8d per stone; cabbages, 1d each; plums, 2½d; damsons, 6d per quart; peaches, 6d to 1s 0d per lb; apples, 4 6d to 8s per stone; flour, extra superfines, 2s 4d; superfines, 2s 2d; fines 2s; maslin, 1s 10d; oatmeal, 2s 4d to 2s 6d per stone.

GROSS OUTRAGE ON A GIRL.—EXCITING SCENE ON RAILWAY.—On Tuesday, the North Shields Magistrates were engaged for nearly five hours in hearing a charge against William Miller, a servant of the North-Eastern Railway Company, of having committed a criminal assault upon Mary Ann Morgan, aged sixteen, a domestic servant, of North Shields, on the railway embankment late on Saturday night. Prosecutrix went to Percy Main on an errand, and on missing the return train to Shields, walked along the railway embankment. Prisoner, she said, accosted her and put his hands over her mouth, flung her down, after tying her hands behind her, and then outraged her. Her cries were heard at the station, but a hundred yards away. The driver of a passing train, seeing a woman on the line making signs of distress, pulled up, and found prosecutrix in an exhausted condition, with her clothes torn to pieces.—A number of witnesses were called, including the driver and guard of the train, as well as other railway officials.—The medical evidence proved that the girl had been grossly outraged.—Prisoner declared he was innocent, although on Saturday night he had made several statements amounting to an admission of the charge.—He was committed to the assizes, bail being refused. Prisoner was to have been married in a fortnight to another young woman, the banns having been published.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BLACKHILL—At 1, Cort Street, on the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. Thompson Siddell, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER—At the Registar Office, on the 13th inst., Mr. J. Green, to Miss A. Kimberley, both of Consett.—On the 18th inst., Mr. W. Meikle, to Miss M. A. Ruddick, both of Quebec.—Same day, Mr. R. H. Pigford, East Castle, to Miss E. Lynn, Redwell Hills.—Same day, Mr. J. Moss, to Mrs. M. A. Gibson, both of Blackhill.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—At 18, Newmarket Street, on the 24th inst., Margaret Florence, infant daughter of Joseph and Margaret Wood.

MEDOMSLEY—At Allendale Cottages, on the 21st inst., aged 16 years, Margaret Ann, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Hunter.

BLACKHILL—At 21, Roger Street, on the 19th inst., aged 82 years, George Dixon, late of Escomb.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—At North Side, on the 16th inst., aged 37 years, Annie, wife of Robert Bean Burnsfield Colliery.—On the 22nd inst., aged 56 years, Margaret, wife of John Burnip, blacksmith.

NEWCASTLE—At 17, Dunn Street, on the 20th inst., aged 44 years, John, eldest son of Joseph Wall, Lanchester.

WALKER—On the 22nd inst., aged 77 years, John Wright, newsagent.

WITTON GILBERT—At Wallnook, on the 21st inst., aged 77 years, Sarah Marie, wife of James Clark.

CHESTER-LE-STREET—On the 21st inst., aged 31 years, Mr. James Thompson, clerk and watchmaker.

LANGLEY MOOR—On the 16th inst., Robert H., infant son of Mr. J. R. Emmerson, miner.

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By order of the Directors,
M. RUMLEY, Secretary.
Shotley Bridge, October 9, 1876.

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The Consett Guardian.

FRIDAY, OCT. 1st, 1880.

THE JAPANESE SYSTEM IN FRANCE.

The world is slowly recovering its sense of surprise at the appointment of Mr. Barthelemy St. Hilaire to the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs in the reconstituted French Ministry. In politics we have no longer even nine days' wonders. Men nod and smile and take any appointment as a matter of course, since in truth under a system of puppet-Ministers one is as good as another. The condition of holding power being such that a Minister must conciliate and consult at the same time the Elysee and the Palais Bourbon is, of course, fatal to all independence. Besides the ostensible head of the Republic, M. Grevy, there is a secret and irresponsible head, M. Gambetta, and the consequence is that the Minister of the day has to lay his case first before the occupant of the Elysee and then of the Palais Bourbon. He has to cross the Seine to do homage to the Tycoon of the Chamber of Deputies as well as the Mickado of the Champs Elysees. It is only in Japan that such a system of dual Government could be maintained at all, and even there it has at the first dawn of civilisation become intolerable, and has been replaced by a more honourable and responsible mode of administering affairs. The Japanese system was an ingenious mode of checking officials at every turn. All acts were done in duplicate, and the strong box of the country was kept like the safe in a bank or insurance office, in which there is a double system of locks and keys, one held by the manager and the other by a director outside. Japan has long since found out the nullity of these two ingenious provisions, and now France is perhaps the only country in the world where a Vigilance Committee sits *en performance* to watch over the infant Republic, and to see that it is not strangled in the night, or overlaid by its official nurses, the President and Ministers. For our part, we cannot help seeing that the person affronted by these mysterious flittings of ministers at a nod from the Dictator of the Palais Bourbon is M. Grevy himself. He had some reason to complain in his farewell letter to M. Freycinet, that he persisted in forcing his resignation upon him. M. Freycinet, it is true, could do nothing else under the circumstances; but none the less M. Grevy has cause to consider himself hardly dealt with. The appointment, however, of a respectable old scholar like M. St. Hilaire, whose only record in politics is that ten years ago he acted as Mentor to that by no means juvenile Telemachus, M. Thiers, certainly looks as if this ministry of transition could not last long. "No one in Prussia," said the Great Frederic, "can escape Death or a Decoration." M. St. Hilaire has been waylaid by the latter, and is now quite old enough to be met by the former. Indeed, at his age the wonder is that he should take office at all, and we can only regard him as one of those warming-pans which are the scandal of clerical life in England, and on which the Bishop of Peterborough waxed eloquent. When a living is purchased, and the nominee is not of age to fill it, some old schoolmaster or broken-down parson is advertised for, and put in as *locum tenens* under resignation bonds. A scholar like M. De St. Hilaire might have refused to serve Gambetta in this way. It is pretty certain, however, that this is the last time he will be able to play the part of king-maker without wearing the symbols of office. He must drop the mask and soon come forward as what he really is, perhaps to be used up as other Ministers before him.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

It is said that both Sir F. Roberts and Sir D. Stewart are to be rewarded by a grateful country for their services in Afghanistan; but the days of pensions are over. There will be on more Marlboroughs drawing for their descendants in perpetuity a pension of £4,000 a-year. The practice now is to pay a lump sum down. Sir Garnet Wolseley received £25,000 for his services in the Ashantee War, and some such sum will most probably be bestowed in the present case. It is thought that in consideration of the low state of the Indian Exchequer this sum will come out of the revenue of this country and probably figure in the Budget of next year.

The anxiety of Messrs. Parnell, Finnigan, T. P. O'Connor, and Sullivan of the mace to be made martyrs ought to be gratified. Now that Mr. Forster is in Ireland he should take the matter into serious consideration. He and Mr. Childers and the Lord Lieutenant with the Irish Law Officers of the Crown might meet together and talk the thing over. No danger is apprehended for Ireland, or the world generally, from the gratification of the "I-will-be-a-martyr" feeling which is believed to burn in the bosoms of the noisiest of the Irish agitators. The tar-barrel reception of Mr. T. P. O'Connor by his furiously-rapturous constituents has not amused Fleet Street more than that fiery call of his to "agitate" which issued from the private room of a Dublin Hotel. To use a slang phrase which is finding its way from the music halls into respectable philological society, "T. P. is on the job." As he is not destitute of a sense of humour, he must smile to himself when he contrasts his present position with that which preceded his entrance into Parliament. Because T. P. O'Connor is distinctly the ablest of Mr. Parnell's set one regrets that he has not in his advocacy of the rights of Ireland risen any higher than the altitude reached by that remarkable personage Mr. Finnigan—who, by the way, does not seem to have used his umbrella in his recent oratorical efforts. Mr. O'Connor could lead if he liked. He is too able a man to be a mere follower of Mr. Parnell. The reports of the speeches which have recently been made at mass meetings in Ireland are read with feelings of mingled pain and contempt. Pain to think that there are thousands of persons to whom the inflammatory appeals are gospel; contempt for the appellants. The horrible assassination of Lord Mountmorres, the maltreating of cattle, the cases of arson, and other outrages to man and beast we read of in the Irish papers, show in what spirit the people of Ireland carry out the advice of their leaders. The best thing that could happen to Ireland would be the silencing of Parnell and company.

A pretty little exposure has been made in the *Echo* by Father Jean, who has a quick scent for these abuses of the vast estates of Bamburgh Castle, left by Lord Crewe, a former Bishop of Durham, in trust for charity. The revenues now amount to nearly £100,000 a-year, and this vast total is dribbled away in fees to stewards, repairing charges, and other items of waste, not forgetting the lordly maintenance of a few trustees, who spend a few weeks in London every summer in semi-feudal state. As for the "charity," it is Falstaff's —"ha'porth of bread to an intolerable quantity of sack." What are the Charity Commissioners after that they wink at such accounts as these?

Boston stump, as they call the tower of St. Botolph's Church there, has been sending out joy peals in commemoration of the 250th birthday of its daughter and namesake, New Boston. This is as it ought to be, and the links which join New and Old England together can not be drawn too closely together. Nothing is more singular than the contrast between Old and New Boston. The old town in Lincolnshire has quietly mouldered on till it reminds one of those half-deserted Dutch towns by the Zuider Zee. New Boston has gone ahead with even more than Yankee go-a-headedness, until it is now known as the hub of the universe.

We are strongly disposed to side with Mr. Bedford in the controversy which has arisen touching the Temple Bar memorial. Mr. Street, the architect of the New Law Courts, would rather "the refuge" were further west, where there is more space, thereby leaving a broader footway in front of his great work. This is natural enough; but it does not seem to have occurred to him that, such is the perversity of the London pedestrain, he will "refuge" or not, cross a street at its narrowest part in order to save time. Then, it may be asked, is a refuge in a centre of broad street (like the part of the Strand indicated in Mr. Street's letter) such a safeguard? The surging crowd at the end of Eastcheap and thereabouts would seem to testify to the contrary. Mr. Street hopes that the memorial is a work of art. Well, it was not designed by him—which is, of course, against it; but the City Architect, who is the designer, has been aided in carrying out the idea by Messrs. Boehm and Birch, Associates of the Royal Academy, of which body Mr. Street is a member. This reference to the probable character of the memorial reads to us a trifle disingenuous. He could easily have ascertained what the design was like, if he had desired the information. Our impression is that the memorial will not be an obstruction; but, on the contrary, an aid to systematic locomotion, which will prove a great boon to both the public and the police. We are so frequently compelled to make sacrifices to utilitarianism, it is not too much to ask the utilitarians for once to make a small sacrifice (if, indeed, it be one) to architectural beauty, and, if you please, to sentiment. A tablet in a wall would *not* recal the site of old Temple Bar—which, "gingerbread" edifice or not, was a gate of the City—so fitly as this proposed memorial.

The death of Miss Geraldine Jewsbury recals literary associations of more than ordinary interest. Her elder sister—also in her day an authoress of considerable note—was an intimate friend of the poet Wordsworth. Geraldine herself was long the *protege* and companion of the eccentric but clever Lady Morgan. Miss Jewsbury was well known in London literary circles; but her home and the chief sphere of her influence lay in Manchester, where her house was the focus of the sweetness and light of Cottonopolis. For brilliance in conversation she had few equals even amongst contemporaries; perhaps none amongst female contemporaries. Her novels are read less now than they deserve; but "Zoe" and the "Half Sisters" and "Marion Withers," will long yet find appreciative readers. Carlyle was the prophet from whom she drew inspiration, just as in another way did Charles Kingsley. The latter, indeed, in a sense may be said to have popularized, or, rather to have presented in a popular form, the teachings of the Chelsea Sage.

It is marvellous to watch the crowds assembling at the *Lyceum* doors long before the opening. "The Corsican Brothers" is the only great dramatic entertainment on hand, and people are willing to remain hours to get a chance of admission. Hundreds are turned away every night.

Captain Ericson's discovery of an improved and, as it would seem, almost infallible torpedo has spread consternation amongst the naval authorities. Dynamite is likely to introduce a new era into warfare, just as gunpowder did. If American reports are true, a whole fleet might be annihilated by a single well directed torpedo of the Ericson pattern.

There will be an unusually large number of Christmas Annuals on the bookstalls this season, and those will include several distinct novelties. Without betraying confidence—it is, after all, early days to be making announcements—I may say that one distinguished author, who for many years has figured as what one may term a Christmas Annualist, in connection with a certain popular magazine, will make his appearance independently, having changed his publisher, while the number itself will be entrusted to another hand. In fact, the said number is already in the press. Another annual which for two years has engaged in its production a group of well-known writers, will this year be written by one author. "Hood's," which is the first of the annuals to make its appearance, is reported to be unusually good; and Mr. Ross is getting out an excellent "Judy" annual. While on the subject of what may be termed periodical literature suffer us to say a word for *The Pen* in its monthly form. Mr. Meynell was not an easy editor to follow, but in justice to Mr. Montgomerie Ranking it should be said that he has not only "followed" but "departed" with surprising ability. *The Pen* is one of the best periodicals extant.

Singularly enough the excessive rainfall of last year was followed by a season of mist and cold. This year the same has occurred, only a few weeks sooner. We have a chill September instead of a chill October. The month is going out in mist and chill which are premature. Summer swallows are winging their flight South, while there is a general rush home of belated Autumn tourists. The sign that Autumn is over is the beginning of the theatre season, which has commenced with full blast at the *Lyceum* and new *Strand Theatres.*

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

The Porte is always "sublime" in fact as well as in name. It is dignified even in its present prevarications and most petty meannesses. Its last message to the Powers may be called stupid or solid or obstinate, but without a particle of arrogance there is a characteristic tone of high-bred self-possession about it. In fact, the Grand Turk sees that the Allied Powers are in a difficulty,—in a good many difficulties, and he wishes only to gain time in order to allow their counsels to become still more perplexed. The fact that Lord Dufferin has been summoned to Balmoral is not without importance. Lord Granville is on his way thither also, and he has taken counsel of Mr. Gladstone and of Lord Hartington before going. There can be little doubt that all this relates to the Naval Demonstration in the Adriatic. Every hour we are expecting to hear of some event "untoward" or otherwise in that direction. No one would be surprised at the withdrawal of the French fleet at any moment.

The details of the late Lord Chief Baron's funeral bring into greater publicity what was well-known before; namely, the marked Ritulistic tendencies of his mind. Sir Fitzroy Kelly's was more of an esthetic and archeological than a doctrinal liking for extreme High-Churchism. He loved a little ceremony, and he loved anything which smacked of the Middle Ages. The dignity and grandeur of a Judge's equipment was no small part of its attraction for him; nor was he ever more imposing and impressive than when he was called upon to go through the old-time and all but obsolete formalities which attached to his ancient office. His greetings of the Lord Mayors who came before him to be sworn in will be remembered for the solemnity with which he endeavoured to invest an occasion which most men would have looked upon as quite trivial and unmeaning. Sir Fitzroy Kelly's ecclesiastical leanings cropped out occasionally upon the Bench, just as his politics protruded when he had a new Lord Mayor before him. It is a curious proof of the overwhelming influences of religion over judgment that in these days the religious bias is the only one of which the occupants of the Bench can ever be fairly suspected. A review of the decisions of Lord Coleridge, the High Churchman, Mr. Justice Lush, the Dissenter, and Lord Cairns, the Presbyterian, would bring this point into full prominence. The unfortunate dispute which arose between Lord Cairns and the late Lord Chief Baron relating to the Purchas judgment will be remembered. Sir Fitzroy was opposed to the decision arrived at by the majority of the Judicial Committee in that case, and was indiscreet enough to allow the fact to become known, in opposition as the then Chancellor affirmed, to his oath as a Privy Councillor not to disclose what passed in the exercise of his functions.

Sir Henry James is said to be doubtful about taking the Chief Barony, after all. His income as Attorney General together with private practice comes to three or four times what his salary would be if he went on the Bench, and as he has the prospect of a good long term of his present more lucrative post, if he likes to stick to it, he is not inclined to move without a promise of the reversion of the Woolsack.

Dean Stanley's letter on the "nationalization" of the Cathedrals and the Churches of the Establishment by throwing their pulpits open to Nonconformist ministers will raise a storm of indignant protest from the clergy. The subject is, however, being strongly taken up by the Church Reform Union, and we may yet live to see some such platform adopted as an easy stage towards Disestablishment. The example of Germany is pointed out, where in may parishes the Church is used by Protestants during one part of the Sunday and by Roman Catholics during the other. Streng convictions and bigotry generally go together. Dean Stanley has himself thrown open the pulpit of Westminster Abbey to Dissenting ministers and even laymen. And he declares his willingness to do so more freely in the future. But, then, he is Dean Stanley, and he knows how to discriminate. Other men might make awkward blunders. It is to be feared the Church is not yet ready to adopt so broad and comprehensive a policy.

Stopford Brooke has written a letter to his congregation to explain his position, which is quite confirmed by a letter which he sent to a friend the other day, which has not seen the light. He is anxious not to be mixed up with more advanced Theists or Deists (I beg pardon for confusing the two), of which Mr. Voysey professes himself to be the high-priest. By the way, this latter gentleman a trifle overdoes his part. "Live and let live," should be his maxim; but he certainly overshoots the mark when he makes such a caricature of the popular religion and girds at the Archbishop of Canterbury as he has done. Mr. Brooke will certainly take up no such defiant attitude. He is now in Ireland, but will soon be in London to define his new position from his own pulpit.

The banquet of the British Goat Society has once more drawn attention to a question of practical political economy of great importance. It is strange that our poor cannot be induced to keep fowls, although we are importing eggs from abroad by the million. The Irish will persist in living on potatoes, although wheat is far more nutritious, remunerative, and certain. The prejudice against goats is even more inexplicable. Their smell is disagreeable; but so is that of a pig-stye; and yet every peasant has his pig. The goat costs hardly anything to keep: the veriest refuse affords it a substantial meal. It requires no watching; it may be tethered all day long in a yard or field; its milk is richer and more pleasant to drink than that of the cow; and, finally, its flesh is cheaper than any other animal food, and is capable of a far greater variety of modes of cooking. The Baroness Burdett-Coutts, foremost in all schemes of practical philanthropy, is one of the most energetic members of the Goat Society.

By the way, the Baroness is, not unnaturally, indignant at the freedom of the remarks which have been made in the press regarding her marriage. She is equally indignant at the way in which some of her relations and friends have taken it upon them to remonstrate with her—as though she were not old enough to know her own business. It is thought that the affair will yet come into the law-courts, upon the question of Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett's nationality, which is alleged to be alien. It appears that a large portion of the Baroness's property came to her upon the express condition that she should not marry an alien, and hence it is contended that she will lose this property by her marriage with Mr. Bartlett. This, however, will hardly hold in law, which forbids "general" whilst it allows "particular" restraint of marriage. A restriction against marriage with "aliens" would no doubt be held to fall in the former category. The restriction was originally inserted in the instrument in question, so it is said, with a view to prevent her Ladyship's marriage with one particular person, who was then supposed to be favoured by her.

The Common Council declare that the proposed monument on the site of Temple Bar will not be an obstruction. Plainly, there is as much need of a definition of street obstruction as of Parliamentary obstruction. It is said that on the site as it is at present five vehicles could drive abreast, and that when the monument is erected it will be still possible to drive four. However that may be, the road would be narrow for an important thoroughfare, even if five vehicles could drive abreast. A dozen cabs could drive abreast in some parts of Helborn, and yet that is none too wide.

The death of Mr. Fred Grace has caused quite a shock throughout the country. Without quite reaching the renown of his two elder brothers, he had made a great name in the world of cricket. Just after figuring in the great Australian Cricket Match at the Oval, and subsequently in another important country match, he has had to go out in the great game of life for the small score of thirty years. The popular pity is like that experienced a few weeks ago when poor Miss Neilson made her sad exit from the stage. The chief Gentlemen Cricketers of the country are almost as much public characters as its actors an actresses. Professionals are as much less popular as amateurs are on the stage. We are fond of athletics as a nation; but there is a feeling against making a life-business of a mere sport. Combined as it is in the case of the Grace family, with the earnest and successful prosecution of more serious pursuits, cricketing is admired and loved as the great national game. The deceased gentleman was among the finest specimens of the amateur cricketer.

Markets.

Newcastle Corn Market, Tuesday.—At this day's market there was only a small supply of coasting and foreign wheat, and, although the finer weather caused buyers to be less anxious, holders of the small stocks were very firm in their demands; and since this day week needy consumers had to pay a slight advance on red, but good white samples being rather scarce brought 6d to 1s more money. Maize on the spot rather dearer, but is offered to arrive at late rates. Scotch and foreign oats steady. Malting barley found a slow sale, few malsters caring to buy until next month. Flour a slow sale at unaltered prices.

Newcastle Cattle Market, Tuesday.—At this day's market the show of stock presented for sale exhibited a decline of 143 beasts, but an increase of 1,630 sheep and lambs as compared with that of last week. Respecting quality, cattle is improving, while both sheep and lambs were very indifferent. The number of cattle imported into Great Britain from the United States of America in the first twenty-six weeks of the following years will show the enormous increase which is going on in the trade:—In that part of 1875 there were 75 head imported; in 1876 there were 7; in 1877 there were 4,226; in 1878 the number rose to 18,688; and in the corresponding period of the present year the numbers are shown to be 73,320. Eighty-eight head of cattle from Tonning were sold at Sunderland yesterday (Monday): the quality was rather superior, and prices ranged from about 8s 6d per imperial stone. The supply of beef comprised 1,612 head. There was little or no change to note in the beef trade to-day from that of this day se'nnight. The better classes moved off steadily at the quotations, but all other kinds experienced a somewhat slow sale, with a middling finish. The number of sheep and lambs was 12,360. The mutton trade ruled rather slow, at a reduction of about ¼d per lb from the rates of Tuesday last. Although there was a fairly large amount of business transacted by the South dealers, yet there was a total absence of any animation. Several lots were of an inferior description, and could not be shifted to any other market at a profit. Lambs are drawing to a close, and sales are somewhat irregular. Prices receded about ¼d per lb, with a slow, dull finish. Pigs—309 were shown. The pork trade was in an active state, and prices advanced 3d per stone on the rates of last week. The day was delightful for holding the market, and the state of the weather has undergone a marked improvement with a bright and settled aspect. Prices for this day, sinking offal, are as follows:—

Beasts, prime heifers, per stone	9s 0d	to	9s 3d
Secondary sorts	6s 0d	..	7s 6d
First-class oxen	8s 9d	..	9s 0d
Middling	6s 3d	..	6s 9d
Cows and inferior	5s 3d	..	6s 3d
Pork	6s 3d	..	9s 3d
Sheep (good vendable wedders) per lb	8½d	..	9½d
Middling	7½d	..	8½d
Lambs	7½d	..	9½d

Newcastle Hay and Straw, Tuesday.—Old land hay, £4 5s 0d to £6 6s; this year's growth, £3 10s to £5 0s 0d; new land hay, £5 5s to £7 10s; this year's growth, £3 15s to £6 6s per ton; wheat straw, 1s 5d to 2s 4d; barley straw, 1s 6d to 4s 8d; oat straw, 1s 5d to 1s 8d per thrave. Carts of hay at market, 74; carts of straw 37.

Hexham Corn Market, Tuesday.—A small supply of grain, and a thin attendance at our market this morning. Samples of new barley fetched 29 to 30s per qr.

Hexham Provision, Tuesday.—Butter, 1s 4d to 1s 6d per lb; eggs 8 to 10 for 1s; chickens, 1s 9d to 2s 3d; ducks, 2s 0d to 2s 6d; rabbits, 2s to 2s 6d per couple; potatoes, 6d; onions 1s 2d to 1s 8d per stone; cabbages, 1d each; plums, 2½d; damsons, 6d per quart; each; grapes, 6d to 1s 0d per lb; apples, 1s 8d to 2s 4d per stone; flour, extra superfines, 2s 4d; superfines, 2s 2d; fines 2s; maslin, 1s 10d, oatmeal, 2s 4d to 2s 6d per stone.

Advice to Mothers!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

Wood-Carving in Germany.—Wood-carving is an industry which is carried to considerable perfection among the Germans, and it is fostered by the establishment of carving-schools, particularly in districts where the wood used for the work—the Spanish walnut, the finest and best walnut the Germans have—is plentiful. Eighty of these carving-schools exist at the present time in Germany, and eighty in Wurtemberg; but so much importance is attached to the results which have flowed, or are expected to flow, from these institutions that the number of the carving-schools in Germany is to be increased to 200.

Transmitting Light by Electricity.—A patent for the purpose of transmitting scenes to a distance by means of electricity has been applied for at the United States' Patent Office by Messrs. Connelly Brothers and M'Tighe, patent agents, Pittsburg. The inventors believe that two persons talking by telephone will also, by their device, be able to see each other, and that a printed or written document can be seen in this way and read off. A single wire is required to transmit a diminutive image, which is magnified at the receiving station. We believe that English electricians have been working in this direction for some time past.

Scandal Mongers.—There are men in this world and women, too, who take a special delight in a bit of gossip. They chew upon it as lovingly as any ruminating animal chews its cud, and seem to obtain an enormous amount of nourishment from it. If a kindly thing is said they are listless and uninterested, but the moment a piece of scandal scents the air they snuff the morning breeze and begin to enjoy themselves. A vile story is as bracing to their lungs as oxygen to the lungs of an honest man. While you are present they are as polite as though they had swallowed a dancing-master, but when your back is turned they suddenly remember some very disagreeable things which somebody told them on the authority of some one else, who heard it directly from some one else. A short memory for good things and a long memory for evil things is their peculiarity. Such people have large appetites, and there is a great deal of food for them in this wicked world. If, as Sydney Smith says of Talleyrand, they had no teeth, no roof to their mouths, no uvulva, no larynx, no trachea, no epiglottis, no anything they would nevertheless gurgle scandal and make society miserable.

Where it Never Rains.—In Peru, South America, rain is unknown. The coast of Peru is within the region of perpetual south-east trade winds, and though the Peruvian shores are on the verge of the great south-east boiler, yet it never rains there. The reason is plain. The south-east trade winds in the Atlantic ocean first strike the water on the coast of Africa. Travelling to the north-west they blow obliquely across the ocean until they reach the coast of Brazil. By this time they are laden with vapour, which they continue to bear along across the continent, depositing it as they go, and supply with it the sources of the Rio de la Plata, and the southern tributaries of the Amazon. Finally, they reach the snow-capped Andes; here is wrung the last particle of moisture that a cold temperature can attract. Reaching the summit of that range, they now tumble down as cool and dry winds on the Pacific slope beyond. Meeting with no evaporating surface and no temperature colder than that to which they were subjected on the mountain tops, they reach the ocean. Thus we see how the tops of the Andes become reservoirs from which are supplied the rivers of Chili and Peru.

Causes of Sudden Death.—Very few of the sudden deaths which are said to arise from disease of the heart do really arise from that cause. To ascertain the real origin of the sudden deaths, an experiment was tried and reported to a scientific congress at Strasburg. Sixty-one corpses of sudden death were made a subject of thorough post-mortem examination; in these cases only two were found who had died from disease of the heart. Nine out of the sixty-one had died of apoplexy, while there were forty-six cases of congestion of the lungs; that is, where the lungs were so full of blood that they could not work, not being room for a sufficient amount of air to support life. The causes that produce congestion of the lungs are cold feet, tight clothing, costive bowels, sitting still until chilled after being warmed with labour or a rapid walk, going too suddenly from a close room into the open air, too hasty walking, or running to catch a train, etc. No person of fifty years should run, except in a desperate emergency. These causes of sudden death being known, an avoidance of them may serve to lengthen many valuable lives which would otherwise be lost under the verdict of heart complaint. That disease is supposed to be inevitable and incurable; hence many do not take the pains they would to avoid sudden death, if they knew it lay in their power.

Sir Walter Scott's Dog.—Sir Walter Scott related the following anecdote:—"The wisest dog I ever had was what is called the bull-dog terrier. I taught him to understand a great many words, insomuch that I am positive that the communication between the canine species and ourselves might be greatly enlarged. Camp once bit the baker who was bringing bread to the family. I beat him and explained the enormity of his offence, after which, to the last moment of his life, he never heard the least allusion to the story, in whatever voice it was mentioned, without getting up and retiring into the darkest corner of the room, with the appearance of great distress. Then if you said 'the baker was well paid,' or 'the baker was not hurt at all,' Camp came forth from his hiding-place, capered, barked and rejoiced. When he was unable, towards the end of his life, to attend me when on horseback, he used to watch for my return, and the servant used to tell 'his master was coming down the hill, or through the moor,' and though he did not use any gesture to explain his meaning, Camp was never known to mistake him, but either went out at the front to go up to the hill, or at the back to get down to the moor side."

Regularity.—Few men ever made their mark in the world who had not cultivated systematic habits of industry; and the same may be said of women in reference to their domestic duties. Order and regularity are the secrets of a good housekeeper's success. She is never behindhand with her work; never hurried; and consequently seldom out of temper. It may not be easy to have breakfast at a certain minute every morning, but on the regularity and punctuality of that meal the success of the day largely depends. There may be a choice to the order in which work may be done, but that order, once settled upon, should be invariable. As breakfast is the one point of the day to work from, so washing day is the one point of the week to work from, and each housekeeper must be governed in these matters by her own judgment in the premises. Housework may be well and rapidly done by the experienced worker; she won't wash a dish twice and thrice over when once will make it clean; she will make one errand to the cellar accomplish half a dozen ends instead of going there half a dozen times; and she will be no more weary working at the top of her speed than lagging by the wayside. There is a great deal of housework that may be done with extreme rapidity as well as if done with extreme slowness. And as a general rule the women whose intellect is quickened by constant contact with other minds in books or in people, whose intellectual tastes and aspirations are vivid and keen and high, will do her housework quicker and better than the mere plodding domestic drudge who has no thought above the toil her muscles are engaged in. To be a perfect cook she must understand something of chemistry, and the nicest housekeeper knows all about ventilation and disinfectants and those occult causes of disease that make many dwelling houses that seem well kept, nests of typhoid fever and scrofula and consumption. She avails herself of all the helps within her reach. She does not take steps or perform tasks that one of her children or servants can do as well. It is a wicked waste of time and strength for a woman who can do noble work to permit herself to expend her powers upon what a less intelligent person could perform with equal merit. The most efficient housekeepers are those who, by varying their work, prevent themselves from becoming mere human machines.

DESTRUCTION OF A TEMPLE.

A correspondent of an Indian paper gives an account of a serious disturbance at Gulburga, a large city in Hyderabad, with a population of nearly 40,000, nearly two-thirds of whom are Hindoos, the remainder being Mahomedans. It is the head station of the *talooka*, where the treasury of the district is located. In one of the quarters of the city there was an Hindoo temple of some 200 or 300 years' standing. Adjoining this temple, but in the same premises, was built another temple about 20 years ago. This temple was built by a *sanyasee*, or ascetic, with funds provided for the purpose by charitable persons, and in this temple the *sanyasee* also lived. The holy man died about two months ago. According to a Hindoo custom the bodies of such *sanyasees* are not cremated but buried, and a tomb or shrine is erected on the spot, where devoutly disposed Hindoos celebrate the anniversary of the day on which the holy man died. The Hindoos were making preparations to bury the holy man (his name was Balaji), but the Mahomedans of the place objected to the burial, and laid a complaint before the kotwal or city magistrate, himself a Mahomedan. The kotwal prohibited the burial, but the deputy collector being appealed to the prohibition was withdrawn. Accordingly the body was buried without much disturbance at the time; but the same night some Mahomedans entered the temple, destroyed some of the idols, and attempted to disinter the body. Next morning the Hindoos brought the matter to the notice of the collector, and requested him to take effective measures for their protection. The Hindoos were about to build a rest house or Darmashala near this temple for the use of travellers and pilgrims, but again the Mahomedans said they wanted to build a Musafarkhana for fakeers. A Musafarkhana for fakeers on or near a spot where a Hindoo *sanyasee* was buried was a spiteful proposal, and it is said that the malcontents were encouraged by the Mahomedan officials. Sir Salar Jung was appealed to, and he replied that the proposal should stand over till the matter was reported upon by an independent commission. The commission was soon appointed, and consisted of Parsees and Christians. The commissioners, before entering upon their deliberations, suggested that five Hindoos and an equal number of Mahomedans should attend the inquiry as representatives of the contending parties. But, when the commission assembled at the Cutchery of the sadar talukdar, there were five Hindoos, but, instead of five, there were over 200 Mahomedans. The commissioners took alarm, and precipitately cut short their deliberations. They were right, for off rushed the 200 Mahomedans shouting out those terribly eloquent words, "Deen, deen." The 200 soon swelled into 2,000, all armed and ready for the fray. The work of desecration, demolition, and iconoclasm now began in earnest. The mad mob rushed to the temple where the unlucky *sanyasee* had been buried, razed the temple to the ground, pounded the idols into fragments, exhumed the body, and not content with wreaking their vengeance in this savage manner, they proceeded to the ghastly work of dismembering the body and threw the fragments to the four winds. Having done this they hit upon a most effectual method of goading the Hindoos. They brought a cow, killed it, sprinkled the temple with the blood, threw its head into the grave, and the horrible tragedy was completed.

DR. TANNER'S LECTURE.

In the course of Dr. Tanner's lecture on the blessings of abstinence, at Booth's Theatre, New York, he instanced the historical and other fasts since the times of Moses and Elijah, and then said that his fast of forty days was undertaken to silence those physicians who had set up the cry of "fraud" whenever they had spoken of modern cases of fasting, and to vindicate himself, whom they had denounced as a pretender. In his early practice of medicine, he discovered in fasting a cure for many diseases—for example dyspepsia and inflammation of the stomach, and other diseases. He fasted for 42 days in Minneapolis in 1877, but the medical faculty denied that he had done so. A case of long fasting—that of Mollie Fancher, of Brooklyn—having been reported, Dr. William A. Hammond, of that city, had declared it a fraud, and challenged any person to abstain from food for 40 days, and this was Dr. Tanner's opportunity to vindicate himself. Next the speaker said that his 40 days' abstinence from food had upset the theories of the schools, and proved that the healing principle is in the man. It was his faith in this power that carried him through the 40 days. He had learned to rely upon fasting to restore the vital equilibrium without the use of drugs. After a passing glance at Dr. Frank Hamilton's averment that the fast had proved nothing, Dr. Tanner set forth his epitome of what had been proved—namely, that a man can exist longer than 14 days without food; that the stomach will readily resume its functions after long abstinence from food, and that the animal in our nature can be subordinated to the mental. Fasting is eminently the specific for dyspepsia and rheumatism, both acute and chronic. Rheumatism comes of blood poisoning. The blood becomes acid through a derangement of the digestive organs, and all food taken into the stomach intensified the acidity of the blood. Ten days of fasting may eliminate the poison from the body. The doctor dwelt upon the value of pure air as a life sustainer, saying that his riding in Central Park and on Riverside Drive when the air was charged with electricity buoyed him up and aided him materially in continuing his fast until the expiration of the fortieth day. Then he epitomised the forces that sustain life—First, the intelligent governing principle, which he styles the soul; second, heat, found in food, the fuel for the body; third, electricity; and fourth, animal magnetism. "Life," Dr. Tanner continued, "can be maintained longer without food than without either of the other forces."

THE MORTALITY AMONG SALMON

A report on the diseases that existed among the salmon in the pools on the upper section of the River Dee, between Aboyne and Braemar, during May and June last has just been prepared by Mr. James Cruickshank, the inspector of fisheries for the district, and will be issued in a few days. On hearing of the disease, Mr. Cruickshank made a careful inspection and examination of the river from Aboyne to Braemar, and found about 90 young clean salmon dead and dying, and on cutting up a large number and examining them very carefully, externally and internally, he found very intense inflammation of all the coats of the big bowel, more particularly towards the lower end of the cavity, extending through the flesh and skin outwards, but inwards it gradually disappeared as it approached the appendages and stomach, which organs and gullet were free from disease. The lungs or gills in all the salmon examined were pale and closely collapsed, and were covered with a white mucous slimy matter. As far as could be made out, the salmon died very suddenly, a few being seen to turn up in the pools, float to the side, and die at once. All the dead fish found and examined were from 7lb. to 15lb. each in weight, with flesh firm, plump, and well coloured. The outside, from head to tail, was covered with the same white mucous slimy matter (not fungus), the same as on fish that the inspector had seen die from want of proper air and due aeration. On making further examination of the dead and dying salmon, the inspector came to the conclusion that the mortality was caused by the fish being long out of the salt water, great numbers of them lying long in the fresh water pools when the river had got into a low tepid state. The salmon being very numerous, and there being no snow or rain on the hills to keep up the river at the required temperature, the fish were prevented from moving up into the higher and fresher pools. The inspector declares that he is thoroughly convinced that it was not a case of fungus disease, but is caused in the manner stated above, and that when the water in the river resumes its ordinary flow, the disease will immediately disappear.

MASSACRE BY NATIVES.—PUNISHING OFFENDERS.

According to a despatch, dated the 5th of August, the French authorities have been inflicting effectual chastisement on some offending natives of La Dominique, in the Pacific. It appears that the French war vessel Geurocher arrived at Auckland and reported that three French men-of-war, La Victorieuse, Aniso, and La Chasseur, made an expedition to La Dominique to punish the Kanakas natives, who had massacred some white men and afterwards eaten them. About 200 troops with two mountain guns were landed from the war vessels, and proceeded to the native village. The natives at first showed fight, but two shots thoroughly frightened them. One of the natives was killed and 72 taken prisoners. When the remainder of the natives heard the report of the guns they fell with their faces to the ground and surrendered. They were subsequently transported to the Island of Karaka.

RUMOURED PLOT TO DESTROY THE CZAR'S YACHT.

Great consternation has been caused in Glasgow by a reported plot to blow up the yacht Livadia, now approaching completion for the Czar by Messrs. Pearce. Enquiries made at Scotland Yard and in Glasgow show that information was received by the authorities at St. Petersburg, and afterwards by the police officials at Geneva, according to which the Russian Nihilists had despatched members of their order to Glasgow for the purpose of blowing up the Livadia. Three individuals left London a few days ago for Glasgow, taking with them two nitro-glycerine clocks, constructed to keep in motion for a certain time, when the charge would explode. These, it is alleged, the conspirators intended to conceal on board the yacht, probably amongst the coals. On receipt of this alarming information stringent precautions were at once taken to frustrate the diabolical scheme. The report that the Nihilists had conspired to blow up the yacht, which is now lying in the Clyde, having the finishing touches put on her, has produced the greatest excitement in the city. The discovery of the existence of the plot is said to be owing to an anonymous communication made to the Russian Embassy; but for some ten days past it has been hinted in Socialist quarters in London that some such an attempt would be made. The Russian Embassy communicated with Mr. Pearce, the builder of the yacht, and, acting upon the suggestions contained therein, the public were excluded from the yard, and every precaution taken to prevent the admission of suspected persons or material on board the vessel. Six detectives have been stationed in the shipyard, and no one enters or leaves the yacht except under strict surveillance. As a matter of precaution, the coals which had been shipped are being removed from the bunkers, and it is alleged that divers have been employed to go down and examine the hull, for the purpose of making sure that no infernal machines have been attached to the ship's bottom. Later intelligence states that the report from Glasgow as to a scheme to blow up the Imperial yacht, Livadia, is confirmed. For several days past rumours have been prevalent that something of the kind was in contemplation, and the authorities in London, Glasgow, St. Petersburg, and Geneva have been in communication with each other. Ultimately it was decided that the Livadia should be most carefully watched by officers in plain clothes, and this duty was commenced on Monday for the first time. Considerable interest has been evoked in this latest discovery at Glasgow, and points to the existence of a band of Nihilists in this country who ought to be most closely watched. It is semi-officially stated that should there be any reason to fear that foreign plots in this country dangerous to life are likely to develop efforts will in all probability be made to meet the requirements of the case by a demand for the passing of a short Act of Parliament for the extradition of dangerous persons, or for some other form of legislation which will minimise the risk of peril.

STRANGE TREATMENT OF A CORPSE.

A discovery of a somewhat shocking nature was made in Wolverhampton on Sunday night. George Thomas, one of the borough sanitary inspectors, had his attention directed to a stench that appeared to emanate from a house in No. 8 Court, Dudley Road. On going into the house he saw lying near the fireplace the dead body of an old woman named Harriet Edwards. There was no furniture or clothes of any kind in the place, but in one corner there sat the deceased's daughter, aged 44, who, when questioned by the inspector, stated that her mother had been dead since Friday, and that she had not applied to have the body removed. It is stated that the deceased's husband died at Dudley about three months ago, and that some years ago he was a large property owner. At the inquest, on Monday night, the Coroner (Mr. W. H. Phillips) said that the information which he had received stated that Mrs. Edwards died on the 24th September, but no one knew anything about it besides her daughter, who was an imbecile, or somewhat afflicted in that way. Dr. Steward attended the deceased about a month ago. He (the coroner) had seen the body, and there was a mark as of a burn upon the left hand, and the tongue protruded a long way out of the mouth. The end appeared to have been scorched, but the fact that the deceased lay very near to the kitchen fire might account for this; still it was a curious thing to find the tongue protruding in a case of death from natural causes. No later than Monday night there had been a fire in the house, and the deceased lay barely a yard from the grate. The body was in a very decomposed state.—Tilda Bratton, who lived next door to the deceased, deposed to Mrs. Edwards having lived in No. 8 Court for about fifteen weeks. She was an invalid, and the daughter went begging. Witness first heard of the deceased's death on Sunday morning. Deceased was in receipt of parish relief, but she appeared to have been well supplied with food.—The Coroner said that this was all the evidence he proposed to take then. He had instructed deceased's daughter to attend the enquiry, but she could not be found.—The inquest was accordingly adjourned, and in the meantime a post-mortem examination will be made.

THE LATE MR. G. F. GRACE.

The remains of the late Mr. G. F. Grace, one of the three celebrated cricketing brothers, who died at Basingstoke on September 22nd, were buried on Monday afternoon in the family vault in the churchyard of Downend, a few miles from Bristol, on the Gloucester side of the city. It is estimated that there were fully 3,000 persons present, the church and the churchyard being crowded. The greatest order nevertheless prevailed. Nearly the whole of those who have played in the Gloucester county team attended, and all the most important local cricket clubs were strongly represented. Some surprise was felt that there was not a larger attendance of county cricketers from a distance. The only one who followed the cortege was Elliot, the Surrey professional, for unfortunately R. Humphrey, whose benefit match the deceased was on his way to Winchester to assist in when he contracted his fatal illness, missed the train at Reading by which he had arranged to reach Bristol in time to attend the funeral. Pullin, of Clifton, and Lillywhite, of Cheltenham, were among the professionals present, and an unusually large sprinkling of clergymen was noticed among those surrounding the grave. The funeral was a walking one, the churchyard being near the house, but every blind in Downend, where the family has long lived, and is greatly respected, was drawn as a mark of esteem. The vault was half filled with floral emblems, placed on the coffin by sorrowing relatives or sympathising friends. The service was read by the Rev. J. W. Daun, vicar of Downend, and brother-in-law of the deceased, assisted by the Rev. A. C. Alford, curate of Downend; and at the conclusion of the regular service the vicar delivered a brief address.

SUMMONED FOR KILLING A CAT.

At the Marylebone Police Court, London, Henry Beesley, of 109, Westbourne Park Road, has been summoned by Edward Hingston, of 121, Westbourne Park Road, for unlawfully and maliciously killing a certain cat.—Mr. Ricketts, solicitor, who appeared for the complainant, said the proceedings were taken under the 24th and 25th Vic., cap. 97, sec. 41.—Mrs. Eliza Duncombe, living at 111, Westbourne Park Road, said that on the 14th ult. she saw a cat, and also one belonging to the defendant, and she drove them out of the garden. Shortly afterwards she heard sounds of blows in the defendant's garden, and on looking over the wall she saw the defendant with his hand raised as if to strike the cat of the complainant, which was lying on the ground. She told him he should not do it, and he said it was not hers, and that he was disturbed by the cats. He had either a whip or stick in his hand. She saw no blows struck, but she heard them. She afterwards had some conversation with the defendant, and he said he only struck the cat two blows: one knocked it down and the other killed it. A lad in the service of the defendant deposed to the defendant telling him that there was a dead cat in the back garden, and witness put it in a sack and threw it out into the road. It appeared to have received one heavy blow. The defendant had a cat of his own, but it never went into the garden.—Mrs. Hingston, wife of the complainant, said she went into St. Stephen's Square after the occurrence, and picked up the cat. Its eyes were protruding, and there was blood in its ears. She went to the defendant and called him a brute, and he said he was greatly annoyed by the cats. Mr. Sampson, for the defence, said his client, who was a corn dealer, was greatly annoyed by cats coming into his premises. He struck this cat, and the blow unfortunately killed it. There was no malicious intent, the defendant having only taken up the stick to drive the animal away, and the blow was heavier than was intended. Mr. de Rutzen remarked that the defendant went into his yard and found a cat spoiling his hay, and he killed it. The clause of the Malicious Injuries to Property Act, under which the summons was taken out, being highly penal, the words "unlawfully and maliciously" must be strictly construed, and to his opinion the Act pointed to the unlawfully and maliciously killing animals for the purpose of indulging a wicked and cruel disposition, and not to an act done, as this was, under the impression, whether rightly or wrongly, that the person doing it was justified in protecting his premises from a trespass by such means. The act of which the defendant had been guilty, did not come within the section of the statute, and the summons must be dismissed.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT IN A SEWER.

An accident, involving the loss of five lives, is reported from Paris. A branch sewer, leading from the heights of Clignancourt, runs into the main sewer under the Boulevard Rochechouart, and, as the junction had become partially blocked up with dirt and sand carried down by the recent rain, eight labourers were told off to clear away the obstructive matter and free the channel at the converging point of the two sewers. The men went to work at eleven o'clock on Saturday night, five descending into the drains and three remaining above to receive the buckets sent up. All went well until five o'clock in the morning, when it was time for the men to leave off work. One of the men called out to his companions above that if they would open the trap door, situated a short distance off, the party would leave the sewer. Accordingly, one of the workmen opened the trap, from which a ladder descends into the sewer, and knocked with a hammer as a signal that the others could come up. Hearing no response, the workman descended part of the way into the drain, but was met by a rush of poisonous vapour, and was obliged to come to the surface to avoid becoming insensible. He remarked that probably the men below had been asphyxiated by the same vapours, and at once went in search of help. The inspector of the sewer, accompanied by four firemen, was soon on the spot, and one of the firemen courageously took a lantern and volunteered to descend into the sewer. He succeeded in finding one of the workmen, who was still breathing, and notwithstanding the fearful atmosphere, brought him to the surface. Unfortunately the man whom he so gallantly rescued was too far gone to recover consciousness, and died an hour afterwards. As the gases began to evaporate the inspector descended with the corporal of the firemen, and they found the other four men dead in the sewer, with their lanterns still in their hands. Death had been instantaneous.

PROFESSOR MACFARREN ON MUSIC.

On Saturday Professor Macfarren, the principal, addressed the students of the Royal Academy of Music at the Academy in Tenterden Street, Hanover Square, London, on the occasion of the inauguration of the new academic year. There was a large attendance, amongst those present being Professors H. C. Banister, E. Fiori, W. Shakespeare, E. Faning, H. R. Eyres, W. H. Holmes, Walter Macfarren, Brinley Richards, and H. Thomas, and Mr. John Gill, the secretary.—Professor Macfarren, referring to their relationship of friendship, said that they had one common bond that bound them in mutual interest—their devotion to music. They had not come there for a bald, technical education. There was a higher function in the duty of the professors of the Academy than a mere technical training—the function of moral influence; and the professors in a marked degree exercised that influence upon the pupils confided to their care. After speaking of the responsibility of the sub-professors and the honour conferred on them by that appointment, he asked the pupils to consider what their duties were in the Academy. They did not come there to study music as an amusement. It would degrade the wonderful subject which engrossed their life's attention to regard it for a moment as a pastime and recreation. If they entered into the pursuit of that study, it must be the prime—he could not say the sole—object of their attention; and other subjects which engaged their thoughts should all bear upon that one chief consideration. To be a musician, indeed, was in itself a great and glorious privilege. (Cheers.) He regarded it as a very high privilege to be intrusted by the committee of management with the office he held, as it made him the medium of communication between all of them and the committee. Addressing the pupils as musicians, he asked them to think for a moment of the important calling of an artist. He reminded them of Schiller's apologue of the division of the earth, and the complaint of the artist, that there was no portion of the world left for him. "Yes," said Zeus, "you are not unregarded. For you the heart of man, be that your study and your empire." (Cheers.) All the arts were connected, and the reflection upon one another enhanced the beauty of each. Goldsmith said and Talleyrand quoted, that speech was given to man not only to express his thoughts, but to conceal them; but music was a higher function than the expression or concealment of thoughts. Music uttered what was beyond the reach of words; and whereas speech might describe our feelings, music went beyond the description, and produced the feeling itself. Architecture had been claimed as the fittest analogy to music in that neither did music nor architecture reproduce natural objects; but architecture was based on natural principles of geometry, perspective, and proportions, and it had the power of conjuring in the thoughts of the beholder images of the mind apart from images of the building—feelings of reverence, lightness, respect, or gaiety. Music could awaken all these ideas—the highest sublimity, the lightest mirth, and it could present every shade of feeling between them. With the knowledge that they were studying this most intense, most delicate subject, they could not for a moment feel that there was anything trifling in the pursuit they undertook, and they would, he was sure, continue the pursuit with the feelings of earnestness and gravity that were due to it and to themselves.—He resumed his seat amid warm applause.

DEATH FROM EATING POISONOUS BERRIES.

Mr. Carttar, coroner for West Kent, has held an inquest at the Globe Tavern, Lower Road, Deptford, on the body of Catherine Griffin, aged 5, daughter of John and Catherine Griffin, of 111, Watergate Street, St. Nicholas, Deptford. The child had been with her mother, hopping in Kent, and on Saturday morning last, at three o'clock, was seized with vomiting. Her mother finding she got no better, applied to the owner of the hop garden, at Farleigh, for her wages, in order to leave for home, but she could not obtain her money till evening, when she brought the deceased to New Cross Railway Station, where she was seen by Dr. Carter, who prescribed for her, and afterwards by Dr. Speed, and after being in convulsions some hours, died on Tuesday. The mother complained that a post-mortem examination should have been made under the circumstances. Dr. Speed, who made the examination, said he was unable to account for death until he examined the intestines, in which he found some black particles, and a seed (which he produced) of what was known as Stramonium, or Devil's Apple, a wild berry and a deadly poison. The coroner pointed out to the mother that if the post-mortem examination had not been made the cause of death would not have been ascertained, and she then expressed herself satisfied. The verdict was, "Accidentally poisoned by eating wild berries."

WRECK OF A THAMES STEAMER

On Saturday evening a large steamer employed in the passenger traffic between London and Woolwich was run down and sunk in deep water just above the scene of the Princess Alice disaster, which memorable event took place two years ago this month. It was about a quarter past six, and growing dusk, when this latest instance of perilous navigation occurred, and, being witnessed by numbers of people on both banks of the river, it created great excitement and alarm. The D. S. Ward, a screw vessel, was passing down the river from Millwall docks, in charge of Mr. Larnder, a Gravesend pilot, her elevation above the water indicating that she was very lightly loaded, although from her size she was estimated to be capable of carrying 2,000 tons burthen. She had passed Woolwich dockyard, and was just opposite the centre of the town, when the passenger steamer Cupid was seen crossing her bows from south to north, and, after a few seconds of seeming bewilderment, the sharp stem of the screw ship struck the smaller vessel on the port side just astern of the funnel, and appeared to cut nearly through the saloon deck. Only a few persons were observed on board, but a number of boats put off to the rescue. The pilot of the screw, instead of following the common practice of backing out after the mischief is done, kept his engine going easy ahead, hoping to hold the Cupid afloat until he could run her ashore on the north side where the beach of the public gardens offers a convenient shelf; but in three or four minutes, during which they had gone 300 or 400 yards down the stream, the injured vessel gaped almost asunder, and sank athwart the tide in mid-channel. The utmost anxiety was felt for the safety of the persons on board. The Conservancy steam-tug Dart, which had just brought up from Erith the sunken barge Belvedere, was lying at Woolwich, and Mr. Charles Wood, a well-known officer of the Conservancy, ordered her off to the spot at the first symptom of danger. A man was seen hanging by his hands to a rope at the cat-head of the screw, and as the Dart got under he dropped nearly exhausted upon her deck. He proved to be the engineer of the Cupid, by name Savage, and he was so distracted by the terrible dread of the last few minutes that when questioned he said that there were a number of women and children on board, and among them the landlady of the Bell. It was soon ascertained, however, that another of the crew, Barton, a stoker, had climbed on board the screw-boat, and, although he was wet through, having been in the water, and likewise agitated by his danger and narrow escape, he was able to assure inquiries that there were only five on board, and that the three unaccounted for had been saved by a small boat. This was a dingy, in which Mr. Kent, of the Corn Exchange, was paddling up the river on his return from a cruise in his yacht. Several larger boats were close at hand, but feared to approach too closely lest the vessel should suddenly founder and draw them into the vortex; but Mr. Kent, either unconscious or regardless of danger, rowed alongside and filled his little shell with the mate, Bartholomew, a foremast hand, named Twin, and the call-boy, all of whom he landed in safety at Woolwich Pier. They stated that the Cupid had been engaged to accompany a boat-race between two men named Freshwater and Condoy, who rowed from the Bargehouse at Woolwich to Deptford-causeway for a wager of £50. They had landed their passengers at Limehouse, and after leaving the captain on shore at Woolwich the Cupid proceeded, in charge of the mate, across the river, for the purpose of mooring for the night at the appointed place off Silvertown. Just previously a number of large steamers had gone down from the docks on their way to sea with the ebb tide, but at this time the river was remarkably clear of craft, and it is probable that the crew of the Cupid were at first unable to see the D. S. Ward, owing to their view up-stream being obstructed by a coal hulk. Even when they found themselves in danger, it is believed, they might have escaped if they had kept full speed ahead, but the engines appear to have been stopped and reversed in the vain hope to escape the collision by that means. It is regarded as wonderful that a terrible loss of life has not been the result, as must have been the case if the river steamer had been one of the ferry-boats which constantly ply to and fro at the same spot, or if the Cupid had borne at the time one of the heavy freights of passengers who have taken advantage of the last few days of fine weather to take a trip on the Thames. Each of the river steamers is now compelled by regulation to carry a dozen lifebuoys, and each lifebuoy is supposed to support six persons in the water. As the wreck lies exactly in the way of the traffic, Mr. Wood lost no time on Sunday in preparing to remove it. The Cupid, although not a new boat, having been launched in 1862 at Blackwall Point, was a very strong and serviceable one, and she will be a serious loss to the London Steamboat Company. She lies just opposite North Woolwich Gardens, and her mast is visible at low water, but the funnel was knocked over by a drifting barge on Sunday.

HEAVY SENTENCES FOR POACHING.

At the Preston county petty sessions on Saturday two men, named Thomas Southworth and Joseph Turner, were charged with poaching at Elston, near Preston. Between twelve and one o'clock on the night of the 22nd of September two gamekeepers saw the prisoners and another man not in custody set their nets beside a wood on ground in the occupation of Mr. Bretherton, in Elston, and then go round the plantation to drive the rabbits into the nets. They seized the prisoners, and found six rabbits in the snares.—The prisoners pleaded guilty, but Southworth complained of the brutality of the keepers, of whom he said there were seven, and he stated that they "felled him like a bullock" with a big stick.—The Bench said this was a serious case, and Southworth, being an old offender, would be sent to prison for two months and Turner for one month; at the expiration of that time each to enter into his own recognisances of £10 and find two sureties of £5 each, or remain in prison another month.

Paris papers say that complaints are heard on all sides of the scarcity of game this year, especially of partridges.

The Right Hon. Hugh Childers, M.P., has arrived at Killarney. During his stay he will be the guest of the Earl of Kenmare.

A whaling barque which has arrived at San Francisco from the Arctic Sea reports that no tidings had been received of the steamer Jeannette or the missing whalers.

A STOLEN DOG IN COURT.

On Saturday, at the Mansion House Police Court, London, John Chandler, 26, poulterer, was charged before Alderman Sir Thomas Owden with being in the unlawful possession of a valuable dog which had been stolen.—The complainant was Mr. John Henry Bonner, a solicitor, practising at Adelaide-buildings, London-bridge. His dog, a large black spaniel, was stolen, he said, from his house at Tooting on Thursday. It was not chained up, but was accustomed to roam about the garden. On the Thursday a strange man was seen stroking it, and it was missed soon after. On the following afternoon he went into Leadenhall-market and met the defendant with his dog, leading it by a string. He at once recognised the dog, and the dog instantly knew him. He told the defendant that the dog belonged to him, which the defendant denied. He then sent for a constable, when the defendant, saying "Take your dog," threw him the string and ran away. He was caught and given into custody, when he said a man had given him the dog to mind while he went for a glass of ale. The complainant said the dog was priceless in the light of its being a great favourite, but for the purposes of the case he would say it was worth £5.—The defendant, being asked by the Court how he got his living, said he trussed poultry for his mother, who had a stand in Capel-court, near the Stock Exchange. He was standing, he said, near "his uncle Jack's" shop in Leadenhall-market, when a man holding the complainant's dog came up to him and treated him to a glass of ale. While in the tavern the man asked him to hold the dog for a minute, and he did so. The man never returned, though he waited for nearly an hour. He was quite sure he could find him if he was released.—Sir Thomas Owden remanded the defendant for a few days, and, to give him an opportunity of finding the man, admitted him to bail in the meantime.—The dog, which was in court during the hearing of the case, showed much delight at seeing its owner, and it answered most readily to its name "Scamp" when called by Mr. Bonner.

A MAN SHOT IN A THEATRE.

An alarming accident occurred in the Theatre Royal, Accrington, Manchester, a few days ago. "Staff of Diamonds" was being played before a large audience. At the close of one of the acts the "leading man" and the "leading lady" come on the stage with pistols, the former's being unloaded, and the lady's being loaded. Discovering that the pistols had been exchanged, the property man, John Owen Carew, of Liverpool, ran to prevent the tragedian from entering on the stage. He seized the pistol, which immediately discharged, and the charge caught the property man's face, near the right eye. He was removed to Blackburn Infirmary. It is feared he will lose his eye.

NARROW ESCAPE ON THE LINE.

An extraordinary accident occurred on the Great Western Railway, near Banbury, a few days ago, when a man named Samuel Coleman had a marvellous escape from being instantly killed in his endeavour to prevent an accident. Coleman was engaged with some other men in erecting a cabin by the side of the line, and while endeavouring to remove a plank of wood which lay in front of an approaching train, he was struck on the shoulder by the engine and thrown into the four-foot way. The engine and entire train passed over him, and his fellow-workmen expected to see him cut to pieces, the train being a very long one. On going to the spot, however, they found that Coleman, who had been seriously injured about the head and face, a portion of his nose having been cut off, was alive but quite insensible when picked up. The injured man was removed to Banbury Horton Infirmary, and he lies there in a precarious state. Coleman resides at Kirtlington, near Oxford.

A serious epidemic of typhoid fever has broken out in Rochdale, attributed to impure milk. Several deaths have occurred.

At Rochdale, Samuel Oldman, the man who is charged with having attempted to drown his young son, has been committed for trial at the assizes.

The Manchester Conservatives have given notice of no less than 3,300 objections before the revising barrister. No objections have been made by the Liberals.

The Turkish troops in Albania have declared their resolution not to fire upon the Albanians if called upon to do so.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived at Victoria Station by the mail train at six o'clock on Monday morning from Paris.

The Montenegrin Minister for Foreign Affairs has arrived at Porto Gravos from Antiwari, in order to take part in the deliberations of the admirals of the squadrons forming the International Fleet.

A young lawyer wished to cite an authority on a case he was conducting, and not being able to remember it, his opponent wittily remarked; "Though lost to *cite*, to memory dear."

Very red-haired passenger: "I say, guard, why on earth don't the train go on?"—Guard: "Good gracious, sir, put your head in! How can you expect it to go on while the danger signal is out?"

A good-natured traveller fell asleep in a train, and was carried far beyond his destination. "Pretty good joke this is, isn't it?" said he to a fellow-passenger. "Yes, but a little far-fetched," was the rejoinder.

A little boy once called out to his father, who had mounted his horse for a journey, "Good-bye, papa; I love you thirty miles long!" A little sister quickly added, "Good-bye, dear papa; you will never ride to the end of my love!"

"When I was young," said Mrs. Scoldwell to her little girl, "I used to love my dear mamma too well to act as you do."—"And did your mamma," replied Bertha, quickly, "used to be all the time telling you what she did when she was a girl?"

A lady remained too long on a train to kiss a friend, and, trying to get off after it was started, was thrown violently on her face. "If ever I kiss anybody again!" said she, vengefully, as she arose; "any woman, at least," she thoughtfully added.

A lover once wrote to a lady who had rejected him, saying that he intended "to retire to some secluded spot and breathe away his life in sighs!" To which a lady replied by inquiring whether they were to be medium or large size. The man has not since been heard from.

Mick: "Hallo, Pat, where have yiz baen this three or four weeks?" Pat: "Bedad, in gaol." Mick: "What were yiz in for?" Pat: "For tellin' the truth. His Honour ax'd me if I wur guilty, and, when I said I wur, that's the reward the spalpeen gave me!"

A beautiful girl said to a wit, "Why don't you say clever things to me? You're as dull as a footman when in my company. Don't you know of something to say to me?"—"Oh," he replied, gazing upon her with admiration, "even a footman can always answer the *belle*."

They were engaged in archery, and her attitude was very fine as she let fly the feathered arrow from the twanging bow. "William, are you hit?" she softly murmured.—"Shot through the heart," he answered.—"Do, William," she pleaded, "do William Tell, and thus it is that history repeats itself."

Some little girls in a Brooklyn Sunday-school were studying the history of David, the passage for the day being that which describes the shepherd-boy's victory over Goliath. The teacher asked the question, "Now can any of you little girls tell me who killed the giant?" Quick as thought one of the smallest responded, "Jack."

Business Announcements.

STATION HOTEL, BLACKFINE BENFIELDSIDE.

WILLIAM TURNER, WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANT.

BASS and Co's Pale Ale, Robt. Saunders and Co's Scotch Stout, James' Street Brewery, Dublin, Clayton and Co's Non-intoxicating Burton Pale Ale. In Cask and Bottle. 156o

THE WONDERFUL LUCKY BAG, ONE PENNY EACH, At ROBERT JACKSON'S, "Guardian" Office, Front Street, and Medomsley.

☞ 9 and 10, NEWMARKET STREET, Consett.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE AND CONSETT DISTRICT GAS COMPANY.

ANY Person Removing, Altering, or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, without first obtaining the said Company's permission, will be prosecuted according to Law.

By order of the Directors,
August 21st, 1875. M RICHLEY, Secretary.

Public Notices.

EMIGRATION! EMIGRATION!!

THE AMERICAN LINE SAILING to PHILADELPHIA is the nearest Route to PITTSBURG.—Passengers booked to any Railway Station in America, at the lowest Rate, by Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett, Sole Agent for this district. 286o

AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AND QUEENSLAND.

PASSAGES secured to any of the above Colonies on Application to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Town Hall, Consett, Agent for the Queensland Government. 286o

NOTICE! NOTICE!!

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Consett Co-operative Society will be held on Saturday, the 2nd of October, at Half-past Six p.m. 253o

☞ WASHING! WASHING! ☜

GENTLEMEN can have their LINEN done up in First-class Style on the Shortest Notice. Terms very Moderate. — Mrs. M. THOMPSON, Laundress, Cutlers' Hall, Shotley Bridge.

MRS. CLEMINSON'S SCHOOL, WEAR TERRACE, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

THE Three Junior Pupils sent to the late Local Examinations of the University of Durham passed:—Two in honours; one of them in first-class, and gained a prize. Four Pupils passed the last examination of the School of Art. One passed the last Cambridge examination in honours. 277o

NOTICE.

ANY PERSON found gathering BRAMBLES or trespassing in pursuit of GAME on the Lands of Middlehead, Middles, Oliverord, Lyredene, Rowley, Allerhead, and Whickham Grange will be prosecuted. 162o

CONSETT SPORTS & RACES WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY and MONDAY, Oct. 9th and 11th.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE COMMITTEE have great pleasure in Announcing that they intend Commencing their Third Session on Monday, October 4th next, in the National Infant School, Consett.

Entrance by Door near the Old Infirmary.
Entrance Fee for New Members, 1s.
Quarterly Subscription. Males, 1s.; Females, 6d.
Hour of commencing, Half-past Seven p.m. 511o

DIPTON POULTRY AND PIGEON SHOW.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, October 16th, 1880.

ENTRY FORMS or any Information may be had on application to THOMAS BOWES, Hon. Secretary. 495o

A GREAT CLEARANCE SALE OF DRAPERY, MILLINERY, READY-MADE CLOTHES, BOOTS AND SHOES, &c., WILL COMMENCE AT THE CO-OPERATIVE STORE, CONSETT ON SATURDAY, Sept. 25th, 1880, AND CONTINUE FOR 28 DAYS.

☞ For Particulars See Bills. 514o

THE AUCKLAND UNION PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY. ESTABLISHED 1857.

Offices—66, North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland.

THE Directors are prepared to ADVANCE MONEY on approved securities. The repayments may spread over 15 years, or any less number, to suit the means of borrowers.

INVESTING SHARES may be entered at any time, and withdrawn, if required, at a month's notice.

PROFITS are divided every three years

The Interest and Profits paid to members on Completed Shares has averaged 6½ per cent. per annum.

Any further particulars may be obtained of Mr. GEO. SPILLMAN, 66, North Bondgate, Bishop Auckland; or Mr. JOHN ELLIOTT, Palmerston Place, Consett. 300o

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT T. HODGSON'S BI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE NOW PROCEEDING.

MARK THE ADDRESS:— THOMAS HODGSON, DRAPER, &c., ✱ CORNER ✱ SHOP, ✱ DERWENT STREET AND DURHAM ROAD, BLACKHILL.

☞ AN INSPECTION SOLICITED. 507o

Business Announcements.

LOOK HERE! LOOK HERE!!

☞ A PLUM FOR CASH BUYERS! ☜

BUY YOUR FLOUR, GROCERIES, AND PROVISIONS FROM THOMAS SWAINSTON, AND YOU WILL SAVE MONEY!

☞ PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING LOW PRICES:—

Flour—Supers, 2s. per stone; Fines, 1s. 10d. per stone; Boxings, 10s. per sack; Bran, 6s. per sack; Indian Meal and Corn, 1s. per stone. Sugar 2½d. per pound: Lump, 3½d. per pound. Tea—Fine-flavoured, Indian or Mixed, 1s. per pound (or a quarter, only 6d., if you taste once you will buy again). Soap—Blue Mottled, 2½d. per pound; Dry, 3d. per pound; Washing Soda, 5d. per stone. Dips, 4½d. per pound. Bacon—Mild Cured, 7s. per stone; Shoulder, 5d. per pound; Hams, our usual quality (Matured), 8d. per pound. Cheese—American, mild and Fine, from 8d. per pound. Butter—Choice, 1s. 2d. Jam—Gooseberry, pure, 3lb. Bottles, 1s. 4d. each; Raspberry, 2lb. Jars, 1s. 2d. each; Strawberry, 2lb. Jars, 1s. 4d. each.

THOMAS SWAINSTON, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT, ☞ THE SHOP FOR CASH BUYERS. ☜ 464o

JOHN HALL'S PRICE CURRENT.

Flour—Splendid Supers, 1s. 10d. per stone; Fines, 1s. 9d.; American, 2s. 2d. per stone. Indian Meal, 1s. per stone, or 18s. per sack of 20 stones. Large Indian Corn, 1s. per sack of 20 stones. Rough Barley or Small Wheat, or small Indian Corn, 1s. 2d. per stone. Mixed Poultry Food, Poultry Rice, Hume's Optimus Horse Feed; Thorley's Cattle Spice; Cotton and Linseed Cake; Ground Cake; and Linseed, always in stock, and at reasonable Prices.

CAREFULLY NOTE PRICES OF PROVISIONS:—

Bacon, 4½d. to 6½d. per pound; Hams, whole, 7d. per pound. Beef—Corned, 6d. per pound; 2lb Tins of pound. Roast Beef, 1s. each. Cheese, 6d., 7d., 8d., and 10d. per pound. Butter, Good, 1s.; Finest, 1s. 4d. Pure Lard, 6d. to 6½d. per pound. 1lb Tins of Milk, 6d. each. Candles—Dips, 4½d. per pound; Wax, 7d. per pound. Soaps—Primrose Pale, 2d. per pound; Almond, 3d. per pound; White Curd, 4d. per pound; Extra Pale, 3d. per pound, or 10d. per quarter-stone; Best Pale, 4d. per pound, or 1s. per quarter-stone; Best Mottled, 4d. per pound, or 1s. per quarter-stone. Rice, 2d. per pound, or 6d. per quarter-stone; Rice Flour, 3d. per pound; Corn Flour, 6d. per pound. Sugar—Grod, 2½d. per pound; Crystallised, 3d. per pound; Finest Loaf, 4d. per pound. First-class Currants, 4d. pound; Raisins, 4d. per pound; Finest Sultanas, 6d. per pound. Teas—a good Leaf and a good Liquor, at 1s. 8d. per pound; Parcels of 5lbs, at 1s. 6d. per pound; a First-class Family Tea, Mild, Pleasant, and Syrupy Liquor, 2s. 8d. per pound, or in 4lb. Parcels, at 2s. 6d. per pound (in all Teas a proportionate reduction for quantities). All 1s. 1½d. Patent Medicines, from 9½d. per Bottle or Box; Mother Siegel's Curative Syrup, 2s. 3d. per Bottle; Rau's Fruit Salt, 2s. 3d. per Bottle Mahler's Oil, 1s. 6d. per Bottle, &c.

TERMS—CASH.

☞ DISCOUNT—SIXPENCE IN THE POUND!! ☜

JOHN HALL, WHOLESALE AND FAMILY GROCER, ANNFIELD PLAIN. 482o

CASH DRAPERY SUPPLY STORES, NEXT DOOR TO THE POST OFFICE, ANNFIELD PLAIN.

JOHN VARDY AND CO., Proprietors. (Late W. Plender and Co.)

WE have purchased largely of Plain DRAPERY GOODS at lowest Old Prices, and are giving our Customers the advantage.

We are Selling the Best Calicoes, at the Price, in the County of Durham.

Our Stock of Flannels, Shirtings, and Linens is Large and Cheap.

Our Dresses surprise everybody (being so Cheap) and always give satisfaction in the wearer.

We keep a Large Stock of Millinery and Fancy Goods.

We hold the Largest and Cheapest Stock of Ready-made Clothing in the District.

All Buyers of Drapery Goods will Save Money by Visiting the CASH DRAPERY SUPPLY STORES AT ANNFIELD PLAIN,

JOHN VARDY, & Co., Proprietors. 49n

☞ A TRIP TO NEWCASTLE FOR NOTHING!! ☜

OPENING OF NEW PREMISES.

DONALD BAIN, THE WELL-KNOWN CHEAP DRAPER, HAS OPENED THE CENTRAL PREMISES, No. 23, GRAINGER STREET (Two Doors from Nun Street), NEWCASTLE,

WHERE you will be supplied with the Newest, Best, and Cheapest DRESS and DRAPERY GOODS in the Provinces. Apart from this, D. B. will allow to Purchasers of Thirty-five Shillings worth of Goods their full Railway Fare, within a radius of Thirty Miles from Newcastle.

Note Number and Address—23, GRAINGER STREET. 457n

DENTAL SURGERY

EIGHTH YEAR OF ATTENDING CONSETT.

MR. MARKHAM, SURGEON DENTIST, of Newcastle, Attends No. 4, MOUNT PLEASANT, CONSETT, EVERY MONDAY, from Eleven till Three.

Established in Newcastle 1830. 637n

THE CHEAPEST GROCERY & PROVISION WAREHOUSES ARE W. AYNSLEY'S, *THE TEA DEALER.*

ZOEDONE!

Non-Alcoholic Sparkling, Phosphated Iron Beverage. NON-ALCHOLIC.

PRICE—2s. 6d. per Dozen, in Half-Champagne Bottles.

MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT, AND FRONT STREET, LEADGATE.

Public Notices.

CASTLESIDE CHURCH.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES will be held in the above Church on Sunday, October 10th, 1880. See further notice. 531o

HIGHGATE BAPTIST CHAPEL.

FRUIT BANQUET on October 11th, 1880. Good Speaking, Vocal and Instrumental Music, and good Fruit and Confections. Chair to be taken at Half-past Seven o'clock. Admission—Adults, Sixpence each.

CHRISTIAN LAY CHURCH.

MR. WILLIAM RUTTER, of Sunderland, will PREACH at Shield Row on Sunday, October 3rd, at Half-past Ten a.m. and Six p.m. No Collections. All are invited. 530o

SHOTLEY BRIDGE READING-ROOM SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Society will be held at Seven o'clock p.m. in the Reading-room, on Tuesday Evening next, the 5th inst, and Bale of Papers will commence at Eight o'clock. Mr. JOSEPH OLEY, Auctioneer.

Non-members may attend the Sale and purchase the Papers. 545o

BENFIELDSIDE UNITED METHODIST FREE CHURCH.

On SATURDAY Evening next, October 2nd, 1880, a LECTURE Will be delivered by the REV. T. ASHCROFT, Of Hartlepool, Subject— "JUDAS ISCARIOT." Admission 3d.; a few Reserved Seats, 6d. Chair to be taken by the Rev. F. Wood, at 7-30.

ON the following day, Mr. ASHCROFT will Preach Two SERMONS In the Morning at Half-past Ten and Evening at Six. Collections for Trust Fund. 539o

CONSETT AND DISTRICT POULTRY, PIGEON AND CAGE-BIRD SOCIETY.

THE COMMITTEE of the above have great pleasure in announcing their FIRST ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF POULTRY, PIGEONS AND CAGE-BIRDS, To be held in the ASSEMBLY ROOMS, CONSETT, On SATURDAY, Nov. 13th, 1880.

SCHEDULES and ENTRY FORMS can now be had of the Secretaries, Mr. THOMAS ROBINSON, Gibson Street, and Mr. GILBERT ELLIOTT, Palmerston Place, Consett. 541o

ASSEMBLY ROOMS, CONSETT.

MR. and Mrs. EDWARD FIELDING beg to present their Compliments to all Friends and Inhabitants of Consett and District, and to inform them that they intend to open the above Hall for TWELVE NIGHTS, commencing October 4th, when the following Talented Artistes will appear:

Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD FIELDING, In their Variety Entertainment.
Monsieur ROSSINI, Tall Silk Performer.
Mr. J. H. ARNOLD and Miss LILLY HOWARD, In their Entertainment "The Great Strike."
Mr. LEVIN CLARKE, Equilibrist.
Miss ALICE MAY, Characteristic Artiste.
FULL BAND. 545o

Wanted.

WANTED, a NURSE.—Apply at Derwent House, Shotley Bridge, before Eleven o'clock. 535o

WANTED, an AGENT, to push First-class Lubricating Oils. Commission—10 to 15 per Cent.—Box 201, Post Office, Liverpool.

WANTED, a Strong, Active YOUTH, not less than 16 Years of age, as an Apprentice to the Joinery Business.—Apply to Mr. JOHN ROUTLEDGE, Joiner, Consett. 538o

WANTED, AUCTIONEERS, SHOPKEEPERS, and HAWKERS to Sell Birmingham Goods. Illustrated Wholesale Catalogue post free.—Apply to Mr. HENRY MAY, 694, Birmingham. 533o

WANTED, an APPRENTICE to the Tailoring Trade. One who has partly served his time preferred. Also, an APPRENTICE to the Millinery.—Apply to T. S. ATKINSON, Luton House, Consett. 542o

TO BE LET, at November Term, a good Four-Roomed HOUSE with all Conveniences. Pleasantly Situated at Front Street, Shotley Bridge.—For Particulars apply to Mr. WILLIAM BROWN, Mason, Shotley Bridge 536o

OWING to the lamented death of our Local Agent at Consett, Mr. H. Harvey, we are in immediate want of a Pushing, Energetic MAN to act for us in that capacity in Consett and District.—Apply by Letter, with Reference, to the Wire Rope and Wilson Machine Co., West Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 544o

WANTED, an AGENT, having a connection among Coal-spelling districts took place on Saturday, Victuallers, Manufacturers, Farmers, Warehousemen, Upholsterers, Builders, or Shopkeepers. — Address "Agency," Box 3, E. Powell and Co., 40, New Bridge-street, London, E.C. Salary (beginning)—£80 per Annum and Commission. 509o

WANTED, AGENTS.—A genuine Agency is offered to Shopkeepers, Clerks, &c., having spare time. Orders taken from Illustrated List (Samples optional). None unable to give references as to respectability need apply.—For Terms and full Particulars send Stamped directed envelope to the Agency Superintendent, the Musical Instrument Club Company, Tarbam-on-Tyne.

TO LET, the Benfieldside Assembly Rooms, in Railway Terrace, off Derwent Street, Benfieldside (late the Primitive Methodist Chapel). Suitable for Concerts, Lectures, Balls, Auction Sales, &c. The Place has been Altered, Cleaned, and Fit up for use as a Public Hall.—For Terms apply to Mr. JOSEPH RUTHERMAN, Builder &c., 9, Railway Terrace, Benfieldside.—The Rooms are Five Minutes' walk from Benfieldside Station. P.S.—A very nice Pulpit for Sale; suitable for a small Chapel. 537o

For Sale.

FOR SALE, at St. Ebbe's, near Ebchester Station, Six PIGS, Ten Weeks Old, and in capital Condition. 512o

FOR SALE, a 62in. BICYCLE. Half Bright and in good Condition. Price £4.—Apply to Mr. R. WALKER, Seedeman, Annfield Plain.

FOR SALE, a First-class COUP CART. Also a Set of CART HARNESS, nearly new.—Apply to Mr. J. CALVERT, Consett. 451o

FOR SALE, a WHITECHAPEL CUN VEYANCE, with Harness—a COUP CART, with Gears; and a RIDING SADDLE.—Apply to Mr. GEORGE MADDISON, Annfield Plain. 503o

FOR SALE, several HORSES, COBS, and PONIES, quiet to Ride and Drive in Double and Single Harness.—Apply to Mr. JOHN BRODIE, Shotley Bridge, or Jos. BELL, Highgate. 217o

FOR SALE, New and Second-hand GONVEYANCES of every description.—Apply to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Consett, or to JOHN BRODIE Jun., Shotley Bridge. 511o

To Let.

THE Annfield Plain Co-operative Society's Hall is now Open for Public Entertainments. Terms on application to the Manager, Mr. ADAM BROWN. 516o

TO LET, 12 Acres of OLD LAND FOG at Knitsley Mill. Well Watered and Sheltered.—Apply to Mr. JOHN STEEN, Knitsley Mill. 519o

TO LET, ROOMS from 2s. per Week. Also HOUSE and SHOP close to Newcastle-on-Tyne Gateside Ferry Landing.—Apply to Mr. J. TAYLOR, Pawnbroker, 19, Broad Chare. 517o

TO LET or SELL—Entry in October—the HOUSE of 8 Rooms, in Delves Lane, in the occupation of the Rev. P. O'Flanerty.—Apply to Mr. Joseph Murray, Consett. 389o

TO LET, a SHOP and Two ROOMS, with large Cellar. Suitable for a Butcher, Grocer, Baker, Draper, or Confectioner, or would Sell. Splendid Wholesale Provision Store.—Apply to George Hobson, Harperley Mills, Lintz Green. 473o

TO LET, with immediate possession, an Excellent SHOP and HOUSE, of Four Rooms, in good order, with Counters and Shop Fittings, situate at Tinkell Place, Blackhill.—Apply to William Raw, Auctioneer and House Agent, Blackhill. 465o

To Lend.

DON'T REMAIN IN DEBT!

£10,000 TO BE LENT AT ONCE, to Tradesmen and others wanting temporary accommodation, in Sums from £50 to £1,000, on every description of Security. Equitable Terms. Strict Confidence.—Apply, with full particulars, to "Money," 12, Lovaine Crescent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 490o

Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Henry Rogers.

Bacon, Hams, and Shoulders.

MR. H. ROGERS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Old Presbyterian Chapel, Blackhill, on Friday, October 8th, 1880, a Quantity of HAMS, SIDES, and SHOULDERS.

Sale to commence at Six o'clock.

P.S.—As many were disappointed in getting Hams last Sale, please to come early. 535o

By Mr H. Brown.

Day of Sale altered on account of Consett Races.—Knitsley Mill.

MR. HENRY BROWN, instructed by Mr. W. Todd, who is declining Cowkeeping, will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, Oct. 13th, 1880, at Knitsley Mill, the whole of his FARMING STOCK, &c.,

COMPRISING:—

Horses.—Dun; Mare Pony, 5 years old, splendid action in harness; powerful Black Horse, 10 years old; half-bred Mare, 8 years old; Foal.

Cattle, &c.—6 Cows, calved and to calve; half-alderney Cow; 2 Calving Heifers, October and November; Bull, 2 years old; 2 One-year old Heifers; 2 Finger Calves; 3 Sows and 10 Pigs; 9 Geese; 10 Ducks; 18 Turkeys; 70 Head of Poultry.

Implements.—Block Cart; Strong Spring Cart; Roller, Land 4-in. Iron; 2 Ploughs; 2 Pairs of Harrows; Combined Reaper; Hay Rake; Chaff Cutter; New Forks and Rakes; Wheel Barrow; Pair of strong Wheels, Patent Axle; Winnowing Machine; Corn Crusher; Grindstone; large quantity of Old Iron; Pig Troughs; Hain Barrels; Iron Piping; Hoop Pipe; 30-Gallon Trough, and other articles too numerous to mention.

Dairy Utensils.—Barrel Churn; Tin Bolls; Milk Cans; Pails; Milk Barrel. Spring Cart, Harness, &c.; Hay Stack, about 27 tons of this year's growth; 12 tons of last year's growth; Hay Shed; Loose House, 16 feet square; Stone Filter; 3 Ladders; Estage of 2 Grass Fields at Middle Gap, up to 12th of May, 1881.

Sale to commence at Twelve o'clock.

By Mr. A. Brodie.

TO PARTIES LEAVING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, DECLINING HOUSEKEEPING, OR ABOUT TO EMIGRATE.

ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Victoria Sale-rooms, Consett, is prepared to Advance CASH on HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE for Sale by Auction, or will purchase FURNITURE to any amount for CASH on application at his Office, Town Hall, Consett.

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

MESSRS. HEDLEY and BRODIE, Agricultural Auctioneers and Live Stock Salesmen, Town Hall, Consett, are prepared to undertake the Sale by Auction, or otherwise of every description of Live Stock and Agricultural produce, and trust, by careful attention to all commissions with which they may be favoured, to merit the confidence of the Agriculturists of the District. Valuations for probate. Insurances on Farming Stock effected through the London Insurance Corporation (Established 1720). 744b

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JUVENILE CULPRITS.

Juvenile misdemeanour and crime has so far attained to the position of a question of the day, through the Home Secretary's action, as to have leading articles and correspondence devoted to it in the newspapers, but editors have actually to keep a standing heading under which to record the perplexities of magistrates in regard to young offenders brought before them. Sir William Harcourt expressed the view, in which many people coincide, though others take exception to it, that it is better to administer properly-regulated corporal punishment to a boy than to send him to prison to matriculate in crime; and he virtually forbad the incarceration of juvenile offenders for petty delinquencies. But when magistrates tried to follow out the directions of the Home Secretary, they found that their power to order chastisement with the birch rod was confined to cases of indictable offences, or crimes. They could not direct it to be administered, in default of paying a fine, to boys convicted of stone-throwing, wilful damage, and other small misdemeanours; and as they could not enforce the payment of fines by payments, except under pain of the alternative imprisonment of children, impunity seemed to be secured to juvenile misdemeanants. For actual criminals, however, there was still the birch, provided they were under fourteen years of age. Strange to say, the power of magistrates to sentence to a birching is limited to offenders under this age. So every juvenile criminal, when asked his age, will put himself down as decidedly over fourteen. Mr. Balguy, the magistrate at the Woolwich police court, said the other day that from the number of lads "just over fourteen" who were brought to him for fruit stealing, he was persuaded that they knew the law, and took advantage of it, for there was no adequate punishment provided to meet their cases. In the instances before him he ordered payment of fines of 5s. and 6d. damages in each case, saying that the parents, having to pay the money, would probably punish the boys as they deserved. But as no alternative to payment of the fine was inflicted, it is not quite clear to us that the parents would be likely to pay. In one case, the magistrate at the Marlborough Street police court fancied he had an undoubted opportunity of vindicating the law in regard to a juvenile offender. He had to adjudicate in the case of a boy charged with stealing 5s. from his mother, and whose age was only thirteen. The magistrate ordered him to receive nine strokes with the somewhat formidable official birch kept at the London police-courts, and considerately directed that the mother should be permitted to witness the chastisement. But the official doctor, who has to attend one of these judicial birchings, just as he would the application of the cat to an older offender, discovered that the boy was afflicted with spinal curvature, and was not in a position to be flogged for the satisfaction of his prosecuting parent. So the magistrate remanded the culprit for a week, probably with a view of asking Sir William Harcourt how the case was to be dealt with. The right hon. gentleman is likely, we imagine, to get no inconsiderable number of such applications; and as they arrive by post every morning, he will perhaps become sorry that he spoke. In one case, at Wolverhampton, where the magistrates had to deal with a lad of fifteen, charged with throwing a stone at another boy and seriously injuring his face, the judicial mind was fairly puzzled. The clerk of the court advised the Bench that they had no power to order flogging (as they seemed inclined to do), while there was nothing to distrain upon in enforcement of a fine, and in face of the Home Secretary's circular, the lad could hardly be imprisoned. The magistrates therefore adopted their clerk's advice to submit the case to the Home Secretary. At our own Police Court last Monday eight lads, whose ages ranged from ten to fourteen, might in default of paying a fine, have been sent to prison for the trifling offence of bathing in a pond and damaging the grass and embankment at Iveston Colliery, but in this case the magistrates very sensibly discharged the defendants with a reprimand. Out of all this practical agitation and ventilation of the subject, no doubt there will come by-and-by some more rational plan of dealing with youthful culprits; but at the present moment perhaps Sir William Harcourt is the best-worried man in England. The magistrates are all handing over their perplexities to him for solution, and the Home Office has become a busy court of appeal in petty causes. This, of course, cannot continue, and the Home Secretary, pending the opportunity for legislation, will have to issue another circular qualifying or withdrawing the former one, and leaving magistrates for the time to exercise their own discretion.

The Seaham Accident.—A meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall, at Tantobie, under the presidency of the Rev. T. H. Archdall, when addresses were given by the Chairman, and by Messrs. Jackson, Bulmer, Arkless, Armstrong, &c., and the following resolutions were past: 1st—"That this meeting expresses its deep sympathy with the widows, orphans, and others, who have suffered bereavement in consequence of the fearful colliery explosion at Seaham, and respectfully requests that collections be made in the various places of worship in the parish on Sunday, October 3rd, or some other convenient day, and that the funds be handed over to the local committee at Seaham to be used by them as they think best for the relief of the bereaved ones." 2nd—"That this meeting views with pleasure the steps taken by the workmen in respect to their levying themselves, and this meeting would also recommend that all who are not included in the workmens' resolution should subscribe to the Seaham Relief Fund.

ECHOES FROM BLACKHILL.

[By Incedo.]

There is a marked improvement in the lighting of our streets this season; several of the old lamps have been replaced by magnificent globes which disseminate the light with great brilliancy and power. The change is a hopeful one, and will doubtless be received with satisfaction by the public generally. Personally, I am much pleased, because the least breath of wind made those old-fashioned lamps rattle so. I am no bigot, nevertheless whilst passing along our streets late of a winter evening the clank, clank, of the iron-bound lamps, together with the fitful light which they shed abroad, almost invariably invested the scene with a tinge of the supernatural, calling to one's mind some wierd tale of the wind whistling through the sapless form of some melancholy ghost, or creaking gibbet on the lonely wold.

While passing the Consett National Schools last Tuesday afternoon, my curiosity was awakened by observing several women, apparently working men's wives, trooping into school. We beg to soloquise whether, like Rip Van Winkle an we had not slept a quarter of a century; and that an Act had been passed in the interim rendering it compulsory for the old folks to go to school. Upon inquiry, however, we were informed that the females whom we had seen entering the school were mothers who met weekly, under the superintendence of Mrs. Steggall, of the Vicarage, and Mrs. C. P. Douglas, of Consett House. As those mothers' meetings are far from being so well known as they deserve to be, we will sketch the *modus operandi* on which they are conducted in as cursory a manner as possible. Suppose then, reader, that we enter the room in which the ladies are congregated. 'Tis a spacious one, and the huge table which stands in the centre is literally groaning with parcels. We are somewhat late, hence the business transactions are virtually over, and Mrs. Douglas closes the cash-book with the air of an experienced financier, while Mrs. Steggall begins the lesson by reading a selection, usually from Scripture. Meanwhile, the good dames ply the needle, and sometimes—tell it not in Gath—whisper like naughty girls. After reading the lesson, the task of expounding the subject devolves upon Mrs. Steggall, who has a singular aptitude for this work. The energetic Vicar himself steps in occasionally and gives a short exhortation; as also does his youthful coadjutor—Mr. Bryson. The number of names on the roll is twenty-five. This is comparatively few, considering the dense population of this district. It is a pity that the ladies, who so disinterestedly devote their time and energy to this good work, should not meet with more encouragement. There seems to be an impression prevalent their mothers' meetings are simply for the needy. This is a fallacy. Every working man's wife would do well to spend two hours weekly in such a place. I venture to predict that it would be the means of forming a new era in domestic economy, and those hawks known as "tallymen," who may be seen bolting up and down our streets, overturning one another in their haste, would require to "seek fresh fields and pastures new."

It is amusing to observe the thousand and one schemes to which people resort in order to obtain money. One of the latest dodges out is perhaps that of selling a "pig in a poke." One of the flowery gentry reaped quite a harvest in this way last Saturday night, at Consett. A platform in the shape of an old barrel placed end-ways, and a flaring lamp, is all the plant required for this business. "Now, gentlemen," began the worthy to whom we have alluded, "I have here a bagfull of sealed packets; stand where you are. I am going to lecture for an hour-and-a-half, but of that time I will devote five minutes to the sale of these packets; after the expiration of that time, the packets will be sold at five shillings each. The conditions of the sale are, that each purchaser keeps his place and refrains from breaking the seal until the expiration of the time named. Will any gentleman invest sixpence?" Immediately a sea of hands went up, and the crafty wight had smart work for five minutes. When the time expired, the purchasers found, to their joy, that they had laid up for themselves a good stock of pills—each as large as a black bullet!

Local and District News.

The Mayor of Durham acknowledges to have received £10 10s. from Anthony Wilkinson, Esq., Old Elvet, Durham, and £10 10s. from Very Rev. the Dean of Durham, towards the fund being raised for the sufferers by the recent explosion at Seaham Colliery.

Old Friends.—Many of our readers will be glad to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Fielding have arranged to pay another visit to Consett. It is with pleasure we observe, by an advertisement in another column, that they have taken the Assemby Rooms, Consett, which they intend opening on Monday night with a first-class company.

The election of a guardian of the poor for the township of Collierley and Pontop took place last Friday. The candidates were Mr. J. W. Hodgson, colliery viewer, Bradley Lodge, and Mr. J. A. Curry, grocer, Dipton. The voting resulted as follows:—Hodgson 225, Curry 172; majority for Hodgson, 53.

Fits.—Epileptic Fits or Falling Sickness.—Sensations, Giddiness, Faints.—A certain method of cure has been discovered for this distressing complaint by a physician, who is desirous that all sufferers may benefit from this providential discovery. It will cure the most hopeless case after all other means have been tried. Full particulars will be sent by post free of charge. Address:—Mr. Williams, 10, Oxford Terrace, Hyde Park, London. 227

Temperance Hall, Shotley Bridge.—A bazaar of useful and fancy goods was held in the above hall on Thursday last, the proceeds of which will be applied to the reduction of the debt upon Ebchester Church. The four stalls, at two p.m., when the bazaar commenced, were well stored with an excellent collection of goods, and were presided over by the following ladies:—Mrs. Peiele, Greenwood, Shotley Bridge; Mrs. Linthwaite, the Rectory, Ebchester; Mrs. East, Holly Lodge, Shotley Bridge; Mrs. Carr, Ebchester Hall; Mrs. Balleny, St. Ebba's, Ebchester. In addition to the above stalls, the Misses Surtees, Hamsterley Hall, gave a beautiful stand of plants, which were exhibited for sale, and besides attracting the attention of many admirers, told well for the common object. A tea was generously given by Mrs. Carr, of Ebchester Hall, which was very much relished, particularly by the ladies and others whose exhaustive labors made it doubly enjoyable. A piano, touched by skilful fingers, whose choicest tones were blended with those of the human voice, supplied a much-needed want, and enhanced the pleasure of all present. The hall, which is very neat and comfortable, was most tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreens and flowers, which, added to the gay company and brilliant sunshine, crowned the hopes of the promoters. By six o'clock in the evening, the stalls were considerably thinned of their gay attire; in fact, by this time nearly all the choice goods had been sold. What the proceeds were we are not in a position to say, but, from general appearances, the bazaar may safely be pronounced a great success. Every credit is due to the above-named ladies for their gracious and self-sacrificing labours in the pursuit of so laudable an object.

Honours to the Afghan Generals.—The *London Gazette* announces the appointment of Lieut.-General Donald Martin Stewart, K.C.B., and Major-General Fred. Sleigh Roberts, K.C.B., as ordinary members of the military division of the first class or Knight Grand Cross of the order of the Bath.

A Lion at Large.—The lion which escaped from Sangers' Menagerie at Banstead, is said to have made for the forset districts of Sussex. Mounted soldiers with huge dogs were near St. Leonard's forest yesterday, and there is great local excitement. Last night, most alarming rumours were circulated in Horsham district as to the destructive doings of the lion, but nothing definite could be learnt.

A Sad Relic.—The skeleton of a man, who was lost fifty-two years ago, has been found in the Stargate Pit. In the year 1828, the Tyne, which was flooded at the time, broke into the Stargate Pit, when a man of the name of Rodman was lost. His remains were never got until Wednesday, when they were found by one of the workmen. Many yet livings in the neighbourhood can remember the event, and the sensation it produced, and the efforts that were made to stem the flood from rushing in.

Sunday School Union.—The quarterly meeting of the Shotley Bridge and Consett distrioe of the Sunday School Union was held on Saturday last, in the New Wesleyan Schools, Consett. The reports from the various schools in the circuit were gone through, with very satisfactory results. After the business was over, a public meeting was held, when addresses—indicatory of the value and progress of Sunday school work—were delivered by Messrs. F. Jones, R. Johnson, T. Dinning, W. Hogg, W. Shimmins, and the Rev. H. Smith, newly-appointed minister. The meeting was presided over in a very efficient manner by the Rev. J. Shearman. A public tea—which cannot be too highly praised—was provided by Mr. Simon Rowe, of which a goodly number partook. On the whole the proceedings were of a very enjoyable and satisfactory character.

Total Abstinence League of the Cross, St. Mary's Branch, Consett.—On Sunday last, the usual fortnightly meeting of the above Branch was held in the League Room, Consett, Mr. E. Sloane (chairman) presiding. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Chairman announced that the committee had made arrangements with J. O'Connor Power, Esq., M.P., to deliver a lecture on "Temperance" in St. Patrick's Schools, Consett, on Monday week, October 11th, and it is confidently expected that there will be a crowded house. The election of three members of the committee took place, when the following were elected—Messrs. J. McGurk, T. McArdle, and P. Ward. The evening classes formed in connection with the League were commenced on Wednesday evening last, and judging from the spirit in which the members are taking this matter up there is no doubt but that they will prove both a boon to those attending them and an inducement for fresh members to join the branch.—*Communicated.*

Dramatic Entertainment at Consett.—On Monday evening last, the members of the Catholic Amateur Dramatic Society gave a farewell complimentary benefit in the Assembly Room, Consett, to one of their chief supporters Mr. Compston, who about to leave this country for America. There was a numerous attendance, the piece performed being "Michael Erle, or the Maniac Lover." The following was the caste:—

Phillip D'Arville,.........Mr. J. Compston.
Stephen Girand,.........Mr. W. McElevey.
David Gilliflower,..........Mr. C. Docherty.
Andrew Adze,..................Mr. T. Barry.
Miles Melville, ...Mr. F. Lamph.
Dame Stapleton,..................Miss Burke.
Mary Woodward, ...Mrs. O. McMahon.
Mistress J. Spriggins, ... Mrs. M. Rogers.

To particularise the performers would be invidious. Suffice it to say that each performed their part in a very creditable manner. After the performance, songs were given by Mrs. McMahon and Mr. John Tumilty, and were very well rendered. A clog-hornpipe by Messrs. Windsor and Montgomery concluded a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

The Hamsterley, Blackhall Mill, and Milkwellburn Horticultural Society.—This Society held their first show on Saturday last, at Blackhall Mill, in a field kindly granted for the occasion by Mr. Charlton, Pear Tree Farm. The display of flowers and vegetables, especially the latter, was very fine, and far exceeded the utmost expectations of the promoters. Besides the prizes given by the association, there were many special prizes given by friends. Among the latter was one given by Mr. Allan, the president, for the best kept garden: gained by Mr. J. Proudlock, J. Jamieson, and R. Bullerwell; and a leg of mutton, given by Mr. Turner, of Gateshead, for the best basket of vegetables, which was very keenly competed for was gained by Mr. R. Middleton, Mickley, the second prize (a fork, also given by Mr. Turner) falling to Mr. W. Scott, Burnopfield. The judges were Messrs. Grice, Hood, and Hodgson, whose decisions met with general approval. The success attending this, the first meeting, was very good, owing to the indefatigable exertions of the secretaries, Mr. Charlton, Armondside, and Mr. Robson, Derwent Cote Gate.

A Salvation Army Captain Sent to Prison.—At the Sunderland Police Court, on Thursday, James Wessburg, the Hallelujah Swede, a captain of the Salvation Army, was summoned for causing an obstruction in Gill Bridge Avenue, on the 24th inst., when a religious revival meeting completely blocked up the thoroughfare.—Defendant said he had been in the habit of standing in this place for nine months, he understood by the permission of the committee.—Dr. Bowman: There is no committee that could give any such authority.—Defendant said their out-door meetings were the only means that the Salvation Army had of gathering together people who attended no regular place of worship.—The Bench said that whatever objects the Salvation Army might have, they could not be allowed to cause obstructions in the streets. On this occasion defendant would only be fined in the amount of costs.—Defendant refused to pay the sum required, and as he stated that he had no goods of his own upon which a distraint warrant might be executed, he was sent to prison for seven days' hard labour. Before he had been ten minutes in the cells, the money was paid on behalf of defendant by some females, and the defendant left with his friends.

Durham Coal Trade.—A very considerable improvement has shown itself in the Durham coal trade within the past few days. The quantity of cool used as fuel in the blast furnaces has given activity to the colieries yielding coking coal; there has been a large demand for purposes of shipment, especially at the ports of Sunderland and the Hartlepools, and the usual growth in the consumption both for household purposes and for gas manufacture, known in the beginning of the autumn, has set in. The railway consumption has also very largely increased—it being now estimated that the present rate of consumption on the North-Eastern Railway is fully 15 per cent. above what it was a year ago, in the depth of the trading depression, whilst the demand for coal for purposes of metallurgy is enlarged in even a greater ratio. All these causes have combined to give very great briskness to the demand at most of the working collieries, and short time is now the exception, especially in South Durham, instead of the rule as a year ago. Prices have not generally moved upwards largely, except that for coke; the rates at which contracts are now running are very satisfactory, but the tendency is downwards in this class of fuel. There is much complaint, also, in it on account of the rates for carriage of coke to the Furness district—to which an increasing quantity at cheap rates of carriage is taken by the Midland Company from the Barnsley district. It seems probable that the price of coke will fall further, but the tendency in the coal trade is towards better prices.

Beamish Church.—On Sunday last, special sermons were preached in this Church, and in the Oxhill Mission Room, and collections made on behalf of the sufferers by the recent explosion at Seaham Colliery. The services were numerously attended, and the offertories, amounting to £9 4s 1d, have been handed to the Rev. W. A. Scott, chairman of the relief committee.

Accident to Mr. David Balleny, of Greencroft.—On Tuesday last, as Mr. Balleny was riding in a field in the occupation of Mrs. Catherine Suddes, at Greencroft (who is one of his tenants), he was attacked by a bull belonging to Mrs. Suddes. The animal rushed at his horse, causing it to throw Mr. Balleny, and bruising him very much on the left side. The bull then went off after some other cattle at a distance. The horse stood still, and would not leave his rider, who had some trouble in re-mounting and reaching home.

Newspapers and the Post Office.—Many complaints have been made of late regarding dishonest dealings with newspapers in the Post Office. Country offices particularly it appears are turned into reading-rooms—or lending libraries rather—for papers, so that subscribers only get their broadsheets after long delay, and sometimes not at all. A gentleman writing to the "Standard," states that during a recent stay in Hampshire he only received two newspapers out of every five sent him. This is a subject never alluded to in that somewhat optimist annual, the Postmaster General's report; but it is one that deserves his attention. The nuisance could be easily put a stop to by employing the abundant means at the disposal of the department in ferreting out offenders who thus touch the fourth estate in a very tender point.—*Iron.*

Consett Iron Company.—At an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Consett Iron Company, Limited, on Saturday, the new shares indicated in the report presented to the last general meeting were created. These shares, it will be remembered, are of the value of £10 each, with £7 10s. credited as paid, one share being allotted for every three shares of the old series held. The allotment, therefore, is equivalent to a bonus dividend of £2 10s. per share, plus the part of the premium the shares command in the market. The amount thus credited as paid is from the accumulated profits of past years, and amounts to a total of £134,000. Remembering that the last dividend of the company was at the rate of 20 per cent. for the year, and that large sums were set aside to improve the works of the company, the profits must be considered to have been marvellously large. The new shares created on Saturday will be at once allotted to the present shareholders.

The Durham Miners and Non-Union Men.—The backshift men at Bearpark Colliery, who are in the miners' union, laid the pit idle on Wednesday, refusing to ride in the same cage as the non-union men. At Houghton-le-Spring Petty Sessions the same day, before Mr. J. Kidson, Mr. J. Ord, and Mr. H. R. A. Johnson (chairman), John Charlton, Thomas Bellows, William Coxford, Jos. Lucas, Alex. Gray, and John Forster, miners, were charged upon the information of Mr. Peter Tate, the manager at New Herrington, with intimidation at the colliery named, on the 22nd inst. It appears there are about 520 men and boys employed at the colliery, and out of this number eight are not members of the union. The union men refused to go down in the same cage or into the pit with the non-union men, the result of which is that the pit is idle, and is likely to lead to others stopping as well. Mr. Bell of Sunderland appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. J. Bentham for the defence. The last-named gentleman applied for a remand as the summonses had only been served on Monday. Mr. Bell did not object, and the case stands adjourned till Monday first.

Vitriol Throwing at Gateshead.—At the Gateshead Police Court on Monday, Mary Hood was charged on remand with having thrown oil of vitriol on the face of Amelia Bradley. The case was first brought before the magistrates on the 3rd September, but owing to the prosecutrix being too ill to appear, it has been remanded from time to time. On Monday, the prosecutrix appeared in court with her head bandaged. She said that on the 31st August she was staying in Catherine Turnbull's lodging-house in Pipewellgate. At night the accused went into the house and said, "Amelia, I suppose you have been with my man." Prisoner then taking a gill bottle out of her pocket, threw the liquid contents into her face, and went away; while she (prosecutrix) was removed to the Infirmary. The prisoner was a married woman, but had been parted from her husband for some years, and up to a short time ago cohabited with another man. This man, after leaving the accused, came to live with her (prosecutrix).—Detective Jervis gave evidence to the effect that he arrested the prisoner at Shields, and charged her with the offence stated in the information, the prisoner replying, "Yes, I did it; I will not deny it; I did it for revenge."—After hearing the evidence of Catherine Turnbull, the magistrates committed the prisoner to take her trial at the next Assizes.

Hexham Board of Guardians: A Scene.—On Tuesday, at the meeting of this Board—Lieut.-Colonel Nicholson in the chair.—Mr. T. W. Welford said that, in pursuance of a motion moved by him, a list of those who had not paid their poor rates in Hexham township had been furnished by the rate collector, from which it appeared there were 150 or more defaulters. He believed that the overseer had been summoned for the sum of £175.—Mr. John Pearson (one of the overseers, interruptingly): It is a lie.—Mr. Welford: I object to that statement; it is not parliamentary.—Mr. Pearson that is not the sum; speak the truth.—The Clerk said it was correct that the overseers had been summoned.—Mr. Welford: That shows the necessity of having proper overseers. The present overseers seemed to have a hankering after office, and got themselves appointed year after year. When they had a deficiency, some parties escaped payment, and those who would pay had to make it up. Yet when he asked for information on the subject he was told in a vulgar, coarse manner "it's a lie." ("Chair.") It was very unparliamentary language to use. They had sufficient to pay without having to make up deficiencies.—Other remarks followed, the Clerk stating that the overseers of other five townships had been summoned besides those of Hexham.

Harvest Festival at Riding Mill.—A harvest festival and a meeting of choirs were held on Wednesday in St James' Church, Riding Mill. The church had been beautifully decorated by the ladies of the district. The choirs represented were Riding Mill, Hexham, Alston, Warden, Newbrough, Haydon Bridge, and St. Matthew's, Newcastle. After a rehearsal at twelve o'clock, the choirs adjourned to the school-house, and there had luncheon provided by the ladies and gentleman of the district. Service commenced at three o'clock, and amongst those present were the Vicar (the Rev H. Slater), Canon Dwarris of Bywell St. Peters, the Rev E. L. Bowman, Vicar of Alston, the Rev C. Bird of Chollerton, the Rev. G. Cruddas of Warden, the Rev W. Sisson of Slaley Vicarage, the Rev J. Henderson of Stocksfield, the Rev R. Daunt, of St. Matthew's, Newcastle, Ald Wilson of the Oaklands, Mr R. Fuller of Manor House, and Mr Drewitt of Willow Wood. The choirs were conducted by Mr Metcalfe of Carlisle Cathedral Choir; and the anthem sung was "Ye shall dwell in the land." Miss Daunt of Newcastle, presided at the organ; and the singing was also accompained with music by a few of the menbers of the Wellesley Training Ship Band. The Rev. R. Daunt intoned the service, Canon Dwarris read the lessons, and the Rev H. Slater preached an interesting sermon on the objects of the service. At the close a collection was made on behalf of the sufferers by the Seaham Colliery explosion, and nearly £18 were realised.

THE SEAHAM COLLIERY DISASTER.

The men employed in clearing the *debris* in the Maudlin seam succeeded in crawling between the roof and the fall at an early hour on Monday morning when they came upon four bodies, namely, Edward Hall, stoneman; Walter Murray, master shifter; Joseph Lonsdale, stoneman; and William Morris, shifter. They were lying on their faces, having died from choke damp. They are not mutilated, and but very slightly advanced in decomposition, and were easily recognised. Upon the jacket of Hall was pinned a leaf from Walter Murray's report book, and in the handwriting of the latter, which was done in pencil, the following words:—"Sept. 8th, 9th, 1880.—E. Hall and J. Lonsdale died at half-past three in the morning. W. Murray, and W. Morris, and James Clark visited the rest on half-past nine in the morn, and all living in the incline.—Yours truly, W. Murray." Further away were a large number of other bodies all huddled together, and although they were not counted it was estimated that there could not be fewer than twenty-five. They were not identified by the men who found them, but when brought to bank there was a rush made to pit for the purpose of claiming their dead, but it was made known that it would be the work of many hours before the bodies could be brought to the surface, as they are fully two miles from the shaft bottom, and in what is called the "straight down." Preparations were at once made to set the men to level the fall, leaving a vacancy of four feet from the roof, and construct a temporary tramway.

It was made known at an early hour on Tuesday morning that the greater portion of the bodies laying in the Maudlin seam would be recovered during the day, and at seven o'clock the body of Robson Dawson, a pillarman, was brought up and conveyed to his home. There were afterwards brought up two human feet, which were placed in a box for interment. At noon the bodies of John Batey, a deputy-overman, and Patrick Carroll, a hewer, were brought up, and after being identified were taken to their respective homes. The bodies brought to bank on the Monday were interred on Tuesday afternoon in the Seaham Colliery burial-ground, with the exception of the body of Walter Murray, which was taken to Ryhope. The bodies of John Potter and William Taylor, both pillarmen, were brought to bank about four o'clock. There were found in a group, some laid down upon their faces, others on their sides, and two were grasping each other's hands. One man was kneeling, having both hands clasped, showing that he had spent his last moments in prayer. Their lamps were beside them, some having hold of them by the ring.

The work of bringing bodies to bank continued with but little intermission from twelve o'clock on Tuesday night, until six o'clock on Wednesday morning, when thirteen additional bodies were brought up and identified, making a total of 127 brought to bank, leaving thirty-six still in the mine. The bodies that were brought to bank on Tuesday were interred in the Seaham Colliery burial-ground on Wednesday afternoon, with the exception of William Henderson Taylor, aged twenty-four, whose body was taken to Shotton Colliery. This man was the son of the late Mr. Taylor, for many years cashier at Shotton Colliery, and who was a distant relative of the late Mr. Hugh Taylor. The bodies brought to bank on Wednesday were interred at Seaham Colliery Churchyard, and four at Seaham Harbour Churchyard. At one funeral the Catholic priest officiated under the new Act. Amongst those interred were three members of the band of the Seaham Artillery Volunteers—John and Thomas Grounds, brothers, and John Miller, brother-in-law to the above-named. The bodies were carried shoulder high by their brother bandsman in uniform, followed by some hundreds of relatives and friends, including Major Emminson, J.P., Captain Wharham, and Captain and Adjutant Hardcastle. The coffins were covered with wreaths, and the route was densely crowded by spectators.

The following has been found written with chalk on a piece of plank in the Maudlin seam in a bold, clear hand:—

"The Lord has been with us. We are all ready for heaven. "Richard Cole.
"Half-past two o'clock."

One of the exploring parties brought up part of an old ventilation door with the following writing in chalk:—

"All alive at three o'clock. Lord have mercy upon us! Together praying for help at three o'clock. "Robert Johnson."

Writing at noon yesterday (Thursday), a correspondent says the explorers in the straight-in-way of the Maudlin seam continued their mission the whole of last night, and at an early hour this morning succeeded in finding eight bodies laid in various positions, some kneeling, others laid upon their faces. They were not mutilated in any way, but badly decomposed. The bodies were brought to bank at half-past three, and taken to the dead-house in coffins, which were numbered. Upon the body of one man, John Watson was found a watch, which had run down and was standing at 6·20. His body was removed to Murton. There are still supposed to be three more bodies in this incline, and a thorough search is being made for them, but up to the present time the explorers' progress is much marred by foul air. When these three bodies are found a current of air will be thrown into the east way where the remaining bodies are supposed to be. It will be some time, however, before they are recovered, as it has already been discovered that there are two heavy falls, and, besides, a way will have to be made over some minor falls, which will occupy some length of time. Upon the whole, the Maudlin seam is not in the deplorable position it was first anticipated, and providing the requisite air could be forced into it, there will be very little impediment in getting into proper working order. Upon the water bottle of another man, Michael Smith, whose body was found this morning was a communication written with a nail, and addressed to his wife. The following is a copy of the letter:—"Dear Margaret,—There was forty of us altogether at 7 a.m. Some was singing hymns, but my thoughts was on my little Michael. I thought that him and I would meet in heaven at the same time. Oh, dear wife, God save you and the children, and pray for myself." On the bottom of the bottle was also found the following:—"Dear wife,—Farewell, my last thought about you and the children. Be sure to learn the children to pray for me." On another portion of the bottle was found the following:—"Oh, what a terrafull poshion we are in.—Michael Smith, 54, Henry Street." The communication is easily diciphered, taking into consideration that it has been written with a nail. The little Michael referred to was a child aged about eighteen months that was ill when he went to work and died at noon on the day of the explosion.

Quebec.—On Saturday last, a grand evening concert was held in the National School-room, Hamsteels, kindly granted for the occasion by the Rev. F. G. Wesley, of Quebec, the vicar of the parish, and which was crowded to excess. The following ladies and gentlemen took part, and did good service:—M. F. Tucker, Quebec; Miss Penn, from Sheffield; Mr. J. McGurk, Mr. J. Mitchell, Mr. Alfred Bates, Esh Colliery. Mr. James Fulton, of Sleetburn Colliery, occupied the chair, and kept the company in excellent humour with his facetious remarks. Mr. Miles Errington, late of Kelloe, presided at the harmonium, and entertained the audience for upwards of two hours. A vote of thanks to the chairman and singers closed the meeting.

WOOD POSTS.—The decay of wood imbedded in the earth is difficult to guard against; but, according to the *Farmer's Gazette*, a simple precaution, costing neither money nor labour, will increase by fifty per cent. the durability of posts put in the ground. This is simply by taking care that the wood is inverted—*i.e.*, placed in the opposite direction to that in which it grew. Experiments have proved that oak posts put in the ground in the same position as that in which they grew, top upwards, were rotten in twelve years, while their neighbours, cut from the same tree and placed top downwards in the soil, showed no signs of decay for several years afterwards. The theory is that the capillary tubes in the tree are so adjusted as to oppose the rising moisture when the wood is inverted.

CHINESE PECULIARITIES.—The more we know of the Chinese, the more curious do their manners and customs seem to us; they have such an odd conceit of things, such an original mode of living and supplying the necessities of life. An instance in hand is their mode of hatching the spawn of fish, and thus protecting it from accidents which destroy so large a portion. The fishermen collect with care, on the margin and surface of waters, all these gelatinous masses which contain the spawn. After they have found a sufficient quantity, they fill with it the shell of a fresh hen's egg, which they have previously emptied, stop up the hole and put it under a sitting fowl. At the expiration of a certain number of days, they break the shell in water warmed by the sun. The young fry are presently hatched, and are kept in pure fresh water till they are large enough to be thrown into the pond with the old fish. The sale of spawn for this purpose is an important trade.

USES OF THE POTATO.—In France potato farina is largely used for culinary purposes. The famous gravies, sauces, and soups of France are largely indebted for their excellence to that source, and the bread and pastry equally so, while a deal of the so-called Cognac imported into England from France is distilled from the potato. Throughout Germany the same uses are common. In Poland the manufacture of spirits from the potato is a most extensive trade. "Stettin brandy," well-known in commerce, is largely imported into England, and is sent from there to many parts of our foreign possessions as the produce of the grape, and is placed on many a table of England as the same; while the fair ladies of America perfume themselves with the spirit of the potato under the designation of eau de Cologne. But there are other uses which this esculent is turned into abroad. After extracting the farina, the pulp is manufactured into ornamental articles such as picture-frames, snuff-boxes, and several description of toys.

PROGRESS IN THIS CENTURY.—At the beginning of this century the manufactures of France were valued at £6,000,000, in 1874 at £416,000,000. The 15,000 watchmakers of Besancon and the 3,200 jewellers of Paris now turn out goods equal in value to the whole manufactures of the country when this century was born. In the last 50 years commerce has grown twelve times faster than the population, having increased eightfold. Shipping has trebled in 50 years. In 40 years the number of lighthouses has more than doubled. Since 1830 the manufacture of wool has been quintupled. Nottingham now makes more lace than all the rest of Europe. The United States make 1,000,000 sewing-machines yearly, which can do as much as 12,000,000 women working by hand. The circulation of newspapers multiplied fourteen-fold in 14 years; in 1840 the world had 3,633; to-day it has 17,348, requiring 1,470,000 tons of paper in the year. The exportation of books from England has increased tenfold in fifty years. At the beginning of this century there were no public libraries worth speaking of; in 1848 there were 536; since then the number has doubled.

DIVING FOR FISH.—Every time that a steamer anchors at Aden numbers of little boys sim round the vessel, and dive for the coin pitched to them in the water by the passengers. Their skill is undoubtedly great, but the fishermen of the Nicobars, and a few amongst the Sea Dyaks of Borneo, are reputedly the most skilful swimmers in the world. The men of the Nicobars capture fish by the hand. They glide about in their light skiffs, intently watching the translucent water; when they obtain a favourable opportunity, they take a sudden dive straight down upon their finny prey. The fish are generally so startled that they dart hither and thither, now up and now down, without continuing their swift movements in any one given direction. The diver has, therefore, little difficulty in coming within arm's length of them. It is, however, esteemed to be but a poor feat to seize and bring up one fish. A man should be able to catch simultaneously two fish—one in each hand. This is frequently done, and the best swimmers think nothing of it. If a man wishes to show his prowess in the water, he chases and kills a shark—often twice as long as himself. To many of the fishermen of the coast of Nether India, shark-hunting in water is somewhat like what fox-hunting on land is to us in England.

A PRIVILEGED DANCING-MASTER.—Towards the middle of the last century, relates a contemporary, there died in Paris a dancing master named Marcello, who may be called the genius of the minuet. His lessons were extremely dear, and eagerly sought after. He treated his subject with vast profundity and solemnity, and his pupils with autocratic arrogance. Then there was a whimsical contrast between the pompous elegance of his outward bearing and the extremely rough and blunt utterances to which he treated his noble scholars. He would make a lady give a bow expressive of high-bred courtesy, and call out the next moment, "Duchess, you waddle like a goose! Stand upright, do! You have the air of a servant-maid!" or, "Prince, what are you about? You look like a street-porter!" But nobody resented these speeches, for Marcello was privileged to say what he chose. In his later years he relinquished teaching the minuet, and devoted himself to what he called "the most sublime part of his art—namely, *la reverence*." He taught two hundred and thirty-six different species of bow and curtsey for the two sex, each of which expressed the condition, and frequently the mood, of the person who made it. There was the Court bow, the city bow, the bow of a gentleman to his equal, the minister's bow, the curtsey of a young lady in church, on the presentation of her *fiance*, etc. Curtseys on presentation at Court were taught at twenty-five louis d'ors the course. During the lesson Marcello represented the king, and took care to comport himself with all the overwhelming majesty belonging to the part, with a view to strengthen the nerves of his pupils for an interview with the Grand Monarque in person. It may be safely assumed, however, that, magnificent as was Louis XIV., he was not so magnificent as Marcello.

THE CHESS PRIMER.—Under this title, Mr. W. Cook, author of the celebrated "Synopsis of Chess Openings," has placed before the public a volume well worthy to be ranked with the scientific primers of the day which are being found so universally useful. The book is intended for beginners, and will be found eminently practical and clear, the "moves" of the various pieces being illustrated with novel but exceedingly lucid diagrams. Many older chess-players will, however, find much which will be of advantage to them, especially in the concluding chapters, which deal with the endings of games. Many persons who play a fair game, for amateurs, are much troubled to find the best way to bring the mimic battle to a close, when only two or three pieces are left, and the carefully arranged and concisely written chapters on endings will be just what they want. Indeed, the book ought to find a place in every chess library, and especially upon the tables of young or growing clubs. The publishers are Messrs. Smart and Allen, Paternoster Row, London.

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TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.		1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	,2,G P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	9·40	12·30	2·40	5·35
Scotswood	„	5·52	9·47	12·37	2·47	5·42
Swalwell	„	5·59	9·54	12·43	2·53	5·49
Rowland's Gill	„	6· 9	10· 4	12·53	2· 3	5·59
Lintz Green	„	6·15	10·10	12·59	2· 9	6· 5
Ebchester	„	6·28	10·23	1·12	3·22	6·18
Shotley Bridge	„	6·34	10·29	1·18	3·28	6·24
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill)	arr.			1·25	3·35	
	dep	6·42	10·37		4·40	6·33
Knitsley	„	6·54	10·49		4·52	6·44
Lanchester	„	7· 3	10·58		5· 1	6·53
Witton Gilbert	„	7.14	11· 9		5·12	7· 4
Durham	arr.	7·25	11.20		5·21	7·15

DOWN TRAINS—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS		1,2,G. A.M.	1,2 G. A.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G P.M
Durham	dep.	7·25		11·45	3·30	8· 0
Witton Gilbert	„	7·37		11·57	3·42	8·13
Lanchester	„	7·50		12·10	3·55	8·25
Knitsley	„	8· 2		12·22	4· 5	8·37
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill)	arr.				4·15	
	dep	8·15	9·10	12·35	3·45	8·50
Shotley Bridge	„	8·20	9·15	12.40	3·50	8·55
Ebchester	„	8·24	9·19	12·44	3·54	8·59
Lintz Green	„	8·34	9·29	12·54	4· 4	9· 9
Rowland's Gill	„	8·39	9·34	12·59	4·10	9·14
Swalwell	„	8·47	9·42	1·7	4·17	9·22
Scotswood	„	8·54	9·49	1·14	4·24	9·29
Newcastle	arr.	9· 5	10· 0	1·25	4·35	9·40

SUNDAYS.

LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.	LEAVE	a.m.	p.m
Newcastle	7·30	7·15	Benfieldside	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·22	Shotley Bridge	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Ebchester	8·44	8.29
Rowland's Gill	7·54	7·39	Lintz Green	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green	8·0	7·45	Rowland's Gill	8·59	8·44
Ebchester	8·13	7·58	Swalwell	9· 8	8·53
Shotley Bridge	8·19	8· 4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
Benfieldside (arr)	8·25	8·10	Newcastle (arr)	9·25	9·10

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STATIONS.		A.M.	P.M.		P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	7·10	4·10	....	7·30
Scotswood	„	7·17	4·17	....	7·37
Swalwell	„	7·24	4·25	....	7·44
Rowland's Gill	„	7·34	4·35	....	7·54
Lintz Green	„	7·40	4·41	....	8· 0
Ebchester	„	7·53	4·54	....	8·13
Shotley Bridge	„	7·59	5· 0	....	8·19
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill)	arr.	8· 5	5· 7	....	8·25
	dep.	9·20	....		
Knitsley		9·32	....	....	
Lanchester		9·41	....	....	
Witton Gilbert		9.52	....	....	
Durham	arr.	10· 5	....	....	

STATIONS.		A.M.		P.M.
Durham	dep.	7·55	......	....
Witton Gilbert	„	8· 7	......	....
Lanchester	„	8·20	......	....
Knitsley	„	8·32	......	....
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill)	arr.	8·45	......	....
	dep.	8·50	......	5·30
Shotley Bridge	„	8·55	......	5·35
Ebchester	„	8·59	......	5·39
Lintz Green	„	9· 9	......	5·49
Rowland's Gill		9·15	......	5·55
Swalwell	„	9·22	......	6· 2
Scotswood	„	9·29	......	6· 9
Newcastle	arr.	9·40	......	6·20

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STATIONS.		A.M.		P.M.		P.M.
Newcastle	dep.	5·45	....	12·30	....	2·30
Benfieldside	„	6·50	....	1·30	....	4·30
Rowley	„	7· 0	....	1·40	....	4·40
Burnhill Junction	„	7·10	....	1·50	....	4·50
Tow Law	„	7·23	....	2· 3	....	5· 3
Crook	arr.	7·35	....	2·15	....	5.15
	dep.	7·45	....	2 30	....	5·25
Bishop Auckland	„	8·10	....	2·54	....	6· 0
Darlington	„	8·52	....	3 40	....	6·45
Stockton	„	9·20	....	4· 8	....	7·18
Middlesbro'	„	9·33	....	4·20	....	7·33
Saltburn	„	10·10	....	4·55	....	8·10

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STATIONS.		A.M.				P.M.
Saltburn	dep.	5·45	....	11·15	....	4·15
Middlesbro'	„	6·21	....	11·47	....	3·29
Stockton	„	6·31	....	11·55	....	3·37
Darlington	„	7·15	....	12·45	....	5· 5
Bishop Auckland	„	7·43	....	1·13	....	5·33
Crook	arr.	8· 8	....	1·36	....	5·58
	dep.	8·15	....	2·20	....	6· 5
Tow Law	„	8·27	....	2·32	....	6·20
Burnhill Junction	„	8·42	....	2·45	....	6·35
Rowley	„	8·52	....	2·55	....	6·45
Benfieldside	arr.	9· 5	....	3· 5	....	6·55
Newcastle	arr.	10·0	....	4 35	....	9·40

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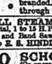
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MONDAY, Sept. 27th.—First Court.—Before A. Town, Esq. (chairman), and R. Dickinson, Esq.

Assault on a Boy at Blackhill.—John Wilson, labourer, was charged with having assaulted Lawrence Halligan, a boy of eleven years of age. Defendant pleaded guilty. Complainant said on the 30th August the defendant knocked him down, and kicked him all over.—A young woman who witnessed the assault said she saw Wilson knock the boy know by hitting him on the back of the head. Defendant then kicked him in the manner described.—Patrick Clarke, another witness, said defendant was drunk at the time. A lot of children followed and teased him, and he then ran after them, caught the boy Halligan, and kicked him.—The Chairman: Did you see the boy do anything to annoy him?—Witness: I could not identify him particularly. There were twenty or thirty lads after him.—Defendant said on the day in question his fiddle was at a house, and when he went and asked for it the people living in the house threw water on him. While he was at the door a lump of coal was thrown at him, and then a crowd of chidren began to annoy him by throwing stones and calling him names. He told them he would "hide" the first one he got hold of, and as they persisted in annoying him he ran after them, and the boy Halligan was the first one he caught.—Mrs. Halligan, in answer to a question, said her boy had been in the doctor's hands nearly a fortnight, but he was now quite recovered. She did not wish to press the case.—The Chairman said the magistrates could not allow a case of this sort to be compromised. The assault was a very serious one, but as the costs were heavy the fine imposed would only be 10s. and costs, £1 13s. 6d. in all.

Non-Payment of Poor Rate.—Richard Murray, of Benfieldside House, was summoned by Henry Carss, assistant-overseer for the township of Benfieldside, for refusing to pay poor rate, Mr. Welford defended.—At the outset, Mr. Carss contended that Mr. Welford had no *locus standi*, Mr. Murray not having appealed against the rate.—The Chairman said they had better hear the evidence.—Mr. Carss said Mr. Murray was rated for premises in Durham Road, Blackhill. The rate was made on the 26th April, 1880, and there was £1 11s. 6d. now due. He had made an application for the money, but Mr Murray refused to pay.—Mr. Welford asked Mr. Carss to put in the previous rate.—Mr. Carss said he was willing to do so, but he reminded Mr. Welford that it did not bear on the present claim, the previous rate being closed.—Mr. Welford said as a matter of fact Mr. Murray was not the occupier of the premises. The real occupier was a man named Collins.—Mr. Carss said Collins was not the occupier.—Mr. Welford: Was he not the occupier untill August, 1880?—Mr. Carss: Not to my knowledge.—Mr. Welford: Who authorised you to put Mr. Murray's name on the rate book?—Mr. Carss: The overseers. Perhaps the court would allow him to say——Mr. Welford (interupting) said he held in his hand a judgment obtained by Murray against Collins for rent. This, he contended, showed that Collins was the tenant, so that Mr. Murray could not be liable to be rated.—Mr. Carss: Where was that judgment obtained, please?—Mr. Welford: At Shotley Bridge County Court in July, 1880.—Mr. Carss: But this rate was made on the 26th April, before the proceedings in the County Court were taken.—The Chairman: When did Collins leave the house?—Mr. Welford: He is still the occupier.—The Chairman: Has Mr. Murray refused to pay the rate?—Mr. Carss: Yes, and he has made no appeal against it.—Mr. Welford: Mr. Carss will have to prove that we are the occupier of the house.—Mr. Carss: It is for you to prove that you are not. The facts of the case are simply these. Mr. Murray is the lessee of this brew-house.—Mr. Welford (interrupting): That is only a statement.—Mr Carss: The lessor informs me.——Mr. Welford submitted that Mr. Carss, in order to prove his case, would have to show that Murray was in occupation of the place. As he had already said, Murray had obtained judgment against Collins for rent to July, 1880.—The Chairman reminded Mr. Welford that the rate had been made, and Mr. Murray had not appealed against his name appearing in the rate book.—Mr. Welford said the assistant-overseer might put in any name he liked.—The Chairman said the rate book was always open for inspection, and if he did wrong he was liable to penalties.—Mr. Carss said he served notice on Mr. Murray for the rate on the 6th August, so that he had had ample time to appeal.—Mr. Welford contended that Mr. Carss had not proved that Murray was the occupier.—Mr. Carss was proceeding to make an explanation as to the property in question, when Mr. Welford objected.—The Deputy-Clerk said he was of opinion that Mr. Murray was liable, as he had not appealed against the rate.—Mr. Welford (to Mr. Carss): Have you ever demanded this rate?—Mr. Carss: Yes. I left the demand note, and afterwards saw Mr. Murray himself, who admitted receiving it, but refused to pay on the ground that he was not occupying the place.—The Chairman said they would make an order for the amount due.

The Education Act.—James Donnolly, James Hanlon, and Catherine McIntyre, all of Consett, were summoned by the Lanchester School Attendance Committee for neglecting to send their children to school. The offence in each case was proved by Mr. Ward, School Attendance Officer. Mrs. McIntyre was fined 2s. 6d. and the others 5s. including costs.

Highway Act.—Robert Lynn, farmer, Clough Dene, was summoned for allowing five cows to stray on the highway. P.C. Bain spoke to finding the cattle, which he said were grazing by the side of the highway in charge of a little boy.—The defence set up was that the cows were merely travelling between the field and the house at the time.—The Chairman said the case would be dismissed, but defendant must take care not to let the cattle loiter on the road in future.

Bathers in Trouble.—Patrick Muldoon, Patrick Rafferty, Joseph Cartney, Patrick McCourt, Arthur Caid, John Murphy, James Duffy, and Owen Slane, boys, were summoned for wilfully damaging a pond belonging to the Consett Iron Company, Limited. Mr. Taylor defended. P.C. Firn said on the 12th ult. he found the whole of the defendants, with the exception of McCourt, bathing in a pond at Iveston Colliery.—The Chairman: Is there a footpath near the place?—P.C. Firn: No.—The Chairman: How far had they to travel to get to the pond?—P.C. Firn: There is a wall between the pond and the highway, and they got over the wall. — Cross-examined by Mr. Taylor: There is no notice-board up. I am aware that boys have been in the habit of bathing in this pond, but the Company does not allow it. I have spoken to lads about bathing in the pond, and threatened to summon them if they persisted in doing so. There is some grass between the wall and the pond, which the lads damaged. They also damaged the embankment of the pond. It is two yards from the wall to the pond. He had not summoned three lads who were sitting on the wall. The Company wished to put a stop to bathing in the pond, and witness had been instructed to take out a summons against the defendants.—Mr. Taylor, in defence, said he quite agreed that the rights of property ought to be protected, but he thought in this case the magistrates would temper justice with mercy if they discharged the defendants with a suitable admonition. The lads, he said, were unable to pay a fine, and he did not expect that a wealthy concern like the Consett Iron Company would care to send them to prison for a trivial offence of this kind.—The Chairman said as the defendants and others appeared to have been in the habit of bathing in this particular pond, and as this was the first time legal proceedings had been taken against any person for so doing, the bench had decided to dismiss the case, on defendants giving a promise not to repeat the offence.

A Suspicious Character.—Henry Holland was charged with having been found on certain premises at South Medomsley Cottages for an unlawful purpose. Susannah Bloomfield said she was the wife of Henry Bloomfield, and resided at South Medomsley Cottages. On Saturday night, the 25th ult., about eight o'clock, I left my house about ten minutes, shutting the door after me. I left a candle burning on the table, and on my return I found the door standing open and the candle extinguished. On lighting the candle I found a man lying on his back in the back kitchen. I then ran to the door and gave alarm to Mary Jane Cunningham, who took the candle from me and looked at the man as he walked slowly passed me. I then examined my house and found a twilted petticoat lying on the back kitchen table which had been removed from a box upstairs, and also one pair of old trousers, a coat and wrapper, which are my property.—Mary Jame Cunningham said she was the wife of William Cunninghan, and lived at South Medomsley Cottages. On Saturday night, the 25th ult., about eight o'clock, I heard Susannah Bloomfield shout, "Oh, dear, there is an old man in my back kitchen." I then saw a man come out of the house, and I took a lighted candle out of Susannah Bloomfield's hand and looked into his face as he passed by.—William Fryer said he was a police constable stationed at Leadgate, and from information he received, on the night of the 25th ult., about ten o'clock, he apprehended the prisoner, at Redwell Hills, and charged him with entering into a dwelling house at South Medomsley Cottages, the property of Henry Bloomfield, for an unlawful purpose, when the prisoner replied he knew nothing about any house.—Prisoner was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

Charge of Stealing a Barrel of Beer at Redwell Hills.—Robert Waggett and William Buckley, miners, were charged with stealing a barrel containing twenty-six gallons of beer belonging to Thomas Forster, innkeeper, RedwellHills.—Supt. Oliver said he proposed to call evidence and ask for a remand.—Dr. Carr, who defended, said he should oppose the application, as he thought he was in a position to show that there was not a tittle of evidence against his clients.—Supt. Oliver said the prisoners were only taken into custody the previous night, but he thought the evidence he intended placing before the bench would be sufficiently criminating to justify their worships in remanding the prisoners, in order that the police might complete their investigations.—Thomas Forster, the prosecutor, said he kept the "Jolly Drovers'" public-house at Redwell Hills. He closed his house at eleven o'clock on Saturday night, and at that time there were three barrels of ale safe in the yard. On Sunday morning, however, in going through the yard, he missed one of the barrels, which was afterwards traced to Pont Wood, about half-a-mile away, where it had been concealed under some brushwood.—By the Bench: They traced the barrel along the road. It seemed to have been rolled along. In one or two places the barrel had been set on end, the imprints of the girth being left on the road. About eight gallons of beer had been taken out of the barrel.—Cross-examined by Dr. Carr: The yard was near the public road, though the yard itself was private property. One of the prisoners was in his house about seven o'clock on Saturday evening, but he had not seen the other before. A vegetable show was held in his house on Saturday, but that did not draw many people, as only 7s was taken at the gate for the whole job. (Laughter). — Miles Barron said he was horse-keeper at Redwell Hills. On Sunday, about half-past twelve o'clock, he was in the neighbourhood of Pont Wood when he observed two men going down the road. They bore a resemblance to the prisoners.—Cross-examined by Dr. Carr: I cannot say that prisoners are the men I saw. They are like them.—Dr. Carr said there was really no evidence against his clients.—The witness, in further cross-examination, said he only saw the men's backs.—Supt. Oliver: Did you tell anyone that prisoners were the two men?—Witness: I said they were like them.—P.C. Firn: Didn't you tell me that you saw these two men come out of Pont Wood?—Witness: I said I could not swear to them.—Richard Ashdwon, said about the same time he saw two men come out of Pont Wood. Then other three men came out, and afterwards he saw other two men. He didn't know any of the men.—The Chairman: Is there a footpath through the wood?—Witness: A good many people walk that way.—The Deputy-Clerk (Mr. Smith): Did you see the last witness, Miles Barron?—Witness: He was with me.—The Deputy-Clerk: Did he not give you the names of these two men?—Witness: No.—The Deputy-Clerk: Didn't you tell the police that he did?—Witness: He said he knew them by their appearance.—The Deputy-Clerk (to the Bench): The witness made a statement to the police, which is here signed by him, that Barron told him prisoners were the men he saw come out of the wood.—Dr. Carr: That is merely what Barron told him. That would not be evidence.—The Chairman (to witness): At the time you saw the men did you know that there was a barrel of beer in the wood?—Witness: Yes.—The Chairman: When had you heard about it?—Witness: About half-past twelve o'clock that morning.—The Chairman: Had you gone to look for it?—Witnss: Yes; Forster asked me to go down the road with him.—By the Bench: When we got to the wood, one of the two men asked me where the well was, and I said I did not know. Both men looked very red in the face, but they walked steadily. They did not run away when they saw us.—Dr. Carr said so far nothing had been proved against the prisoners.—The Chairman (to Supt. Oliver): Have you any more evidence?—Supt. Oliver: No, sir.—Dr. Carr: There is absolutely no evidence whatever.—The Chairman: The prisoners are discharged.—Dr. Carr: Thank your worships.

Garden Breaking at South Medomsley Cottages.—John Brown, miner, was charged with stealing cabbages from a garden belonging to John Cooper, joiner. P.C. Longstaff said shortly after midnight on Saturday, the 11th ult., he was on duty near South Medomsley Cottages when he heard a noise in Cooper's garden. On making a search he found Brown concealed, and on asking him what he was doing there he replied that he had made a mistake and got into the wrong field. Defendant had nothing in his possession, but four cabbages had been pulled up and were lying in the garden.—Mr. Cooper in answer, to the Bench, said he had had some of his beans stolen, and had in consequence asked the constable to watch his garden.—P.C. Longstaff, answering Mr. Dickinson, said the prisoner worked at High Stables. He was a married man, but had run away since this happened. Prisoner, he said, lived within a short distance of the prosecutor's garden.—The Chairman said defendant would be fined 10s. and costs, 17s. 10d. in all.

A Violent Character.—John Nicholson, formerly a publican residing at White-le-Head, was summoned for refusing to quit the licensed premises of Wm. T. Bell, at White-le-Head, on the 20th ult., and also for wilfully damaging a certain window on the same occasion. According to the evidence of the complainant, defendant called at his house in the morning and had some drink. He then went away, and afterwards returned drunk. The landlord ordered him out, but he refused, and had to be ejected, and it appeared that the bar window was broken in the struggle.—In cross-examination by Dr. Carr, who defended, the complainant denied that Nicholson was in the habit of getting a great deal of drink at his house. Defendant, he said, habitually used bad language, and he did not wish him to go to his house at all—in fact, he wished him to keep away, and would take it as a favour if he would do so in future. (Laughter). When he requested defendant to go out he did so in a mild manner. He did not rush at him, though he admitted using force when he had to forcibly eject him.—Mrs. Bell was also called, and spoke to hearing her husband request Nicholson to go out. Defendant refused, and had to be put out.—Cross-examined by Dr. Carr: Defendant was a quiet man when out of drink. It was not true that a great deal of drink went from her house to a house which Nicholson frequented.—Dr Carr did not deny that his client broke the window, but argued that Bell himself was partly to blame for what had happened, having supplied Nicholson with some of the drink which had rendered him so violent. They had heard that defendant was a quiet man when sober, and under the circumstances he bespoke their worships' utmost leniency in dealing with the case.—Bell, in answer to the Bench, said he had had the window repaired, and it had cost 12s.—The Chairman said defendant would be fined 1s. and the damage and costs for beaking the window. The case of refusing to quit was dismissed.—Dr. Carr: Thank your worships.

Chimneys on Fire.—Bernard McEloy was summoned for allowing a certain chimney to be on fire, contrary to the bye-laws of the Consett Local Board. P.C. Hood said on the 11th ult. he saw dense smoke issuing from the chimney of defendant's house. On entering the kitchen he found cakes of soot falling into the fire-place.—Defendant said he was at work at the time, and knew nothing about it. It was only a month since the chimney was swept.—The Chairman said he was afraid the sweeping had been imperfectly done. Defendant was fined 1s. and costs——Michael Kelly, of King Street, Consett, was summoned for a similar offence. P.C. Hood, who proved the case, said defendant had a blazer up, and there was a large fire on.—Fined 1s. and costs.

Violent Assault on the Police at Burnhope Colliery.—Thomas Eggleton, fish-hawker, South Shields, was summoned for assaulting Police-Constable Hawley whilst in the execution of his duty. He was also charged with damaging the constable's helmet, and there was a further charge of drunkenness against him. On Saturday night last defendant and another man visited Burnhope Colliery with a fish cart. Defendant's friend ran off with the cart and left Eggleton, who was found lying on the road drunk. The constable attempted to take him to Lanchester lock-up, but he resisted violently, and assaulted Hawley in a savage manner, knocking him down and cutting his nose, besides kicking him.—In default of paying a fine in each case, defendant was sent to prison for one month.

SECOND COURT.—Before J. Priestman, Esq. (chairman), and Jas. Annandale, jun., Esq.

Drunkenness.—Joseph Richardson, of Dipton; John Middleton, miner, White-le-Head, Robert Dodds, miners, Dipton; John Daglish, labourer, Hexham; Francis Angus, labourer, Shotley Bridge; Robert Hope, labourer, Cutlers' Hall; Samuel Murray, John Linnet, ironworkers, Blackhill; Wm. McDougal, labourer, Derwent Cottages; Lawrence Calligan, ironworker, Consett; and Jos. Stewart, were severally charged with having been drunk. Daglish, Linnet, and Calligan, who did not appear, were fined 10s. each and costs; all the others were fined 5s. each and the expenses. The cases were proved by Sergt. Thornton, Sergt. Nattress, Sergt. Cruickshank, and Police-Constables Turner, Longstaff, Bain, Allison, Bruce, Hadwin, and Smith.—Ellen King, Robert O'Hare, Richard O'Neil, Patk. Finnigan, Joseph Archer, and Owen Shovellin were charged with a similar offence on Saturday night. The woman was fined 1s. and the others 5s. each and costs.

Assault on the Police.—Henry Holland was committed to prison for twenty-one days for an assault on P.C. Fryer, at Leadgate, on the 25th ult.

Pitch and Toss.—John Boyd, Michael Brown, William McClean, Thomas White, James Teasdale, William Nevins, Hugh Lishman, Matthew Hunter, James Perrie, Peter McLoy, Andrew Graham, John Graham, Hugh McClean, John Davison, Henry Gibson, and Patrick McNasty, all hailing from the villages of Lintz, Burnopfield, and White-le-Head, were summoned by P.C. Turner for playing at pitch and toss on the 18th ult. The case was proved, and defendants were fined 5s. each and costs.——William Walker, Thomas Coulson, Jos. Storey, John Bell, and John Kennedy, miners, White-le-Head, charged by P.C. Cumming with a similar offence, were fined 10s. each and costs.

Wilful Damage.—Robert Bates, a boy, Flint Hill, was summoned for wilfully damaging turnips belonging to Mr. Francis McLean, on the 21st ult. Case dismissed.——Simon Littlewood, of Catchgate, was charged by Mr. John A. Robinson with a similar offence on the 22nd ult. This case, also, was dismissed.

Breach of the Mines Regulation Act.—On Tuesday, at the South Shields County Petty Sessions, John Rikeby, a putter at Hebburn A. Pit, belonging to the Hebburn Coal Company, was summoned for a breach of the Mines Regulation Act on the 24th ult. Mr. T. G. Mabane prosecuted. The offence consisted in the defendant having sent a driver named Joseph Puncheon to get his lamp re-lighted, as it had been blown out by the wind, while he (defendant) was working in the mine, instead of going himself.—The driver (Puncheon) gave evidence, and the defendant admitted the offence. He was fined the full penalty, 40s. and costs, or in default 14 days.—Robert Wilkinson, onsetter, employed in the same pit, was summoned for neglecting to lock the lamp in the previous case after he had lighted the lamp.—The defendant said the boy, after getting the lamp lighted, had passed him without his knowledge, but so soon as he ascertained the fact he sent after him and obtained possession of the lamp. At the time the boy had the lamp he (defendant) was engaged in his duties at the bottom of the shaft.—Mr. Maughan, the manager of the colliery, said it was the duty of the defendant to see the lamps lighted and locked.—The defendant was also fined the full penalty of 40s and costs.

Desperate Attempt at Suicide.—A most desperate attempt at suicide took place near Witton Park on Sunday afternoon, when a young married woman, called Phillis Buckle, the wife of John Buckle, a pitman, residing near Etherly, attempted self-destruction. Since the time of their marriage the couble are said to have led a very unhappy life, Mrs. Buckle seldom being without marks of her husband's violence. They had been separated several times, but through the influence of relations made up their quarrels. On Friday night last it seems that Buckle had treated his wife with more than ordinary violence, and put her out of the house at night undressed. It is said that when on Saturday, she went to the house for her clothes he again ill-used her. On Sunday afternoon Mrs. Buckle again went to the house, and finding the door fastened attempted to get in by the window, but did not succeed. She then went to her mother's in Phœnix Row, and left her child, and went away with the express purpose of committing suicide. She was followed by her mother, brother, and some neighbours in the direction of the Bishop Auckland and Stanhope Railway—more than half a mile distant—where it crosses the River Wear near Witton Park by means of a viaduct nearly eighty feet above the level of the river. Seeing that she was followed she began to run, and before she could be caught sprang over the parapet of the viaduct head foremost, and fell upon one of the abutments, from which she rolled into the water, which was but shallow at the place. A man named Harker, who with her mother and brother had been following, at once removed her out of the river, and she was conveyed to her mother's house, where she now lies in a most precarious condition, having received very severe injuries by her fall. Owing to the great height of the bridge and the rocky nature of the bottom of the river, it is considered miraculous that she was not killed on the spot.

OUTRAGE IN IRELAND.

LORD MOUNTMORRES SHOT DEAD.

Lord Mountmorres was shot dead on Saturday night near Cong, County Galway. Lord Mountmorres was a landlord of some small property in Galway, from which he had ejected one or two tenants, while he had refused to allow the others any remission of rent. For some time past he had been living in fear of his life. He was not an absentee, but a resident landlord. Until recently he was accompanied wherever he went by an escort of armed police, but of late, indulging in a feeling of false and fatal security, he dispensed with his armed guards. On Saturday night as he made his way home from the Justices' meeting at the Courthouse at Clonbar, he was waylaid by his vindictive enemies, and shot dead within half-a-mile of the door of his residence. His bloody corpse, pierced by six rifle bullets, each one of which inflicted a fatal wound, was found shortly afterwards. The murderers, of course, had fled. They left behind them a lantern and a whiskey bottle. There is no doubt that the murder had keen carefully planned and deliberately executed.

The funeral of Lord Mounmorres took place yesterday (Thursday), at Monkstown, county Dublin. The service in the church was largely attended by gentlemen from Dublin and the people of the neighbourhood, among whom the family of Lord Mountmorres are well known. The Hon. Mr. De Mountmorency, brother of the deceased, was chief mourner. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Gilbert Mahaffy, who, addressing the large congregation before the coffin left the church, said that all the better part of their countrymen were grieved at an event which was a deep and indelible stain on the country. The deceased was the victim of the never passing over his misguided countrymen. The wrong done to the remains in that coffin was the greatest that man could do to man. May God pity him who was stained with the consciousness of this deed. The moral sense of the people of Ireland had been so perverted that they had come to look upon murder with indifference. Why had the ministers of religion among the people neglected to express their horror of such crimes? Why did their rulers in England seem unconscious of such things? He asked their prayers for those whose lives were in daily peril and for those who would perish during the winter. Forty policemen were stationed in the churchyard, but the demeanour of the crowd was respectful throughout.

The special reporter of the Press Association, writing from Cong, yesterday, says:—Had the assassins of the late Lord Mountmorres—for the police are confident that more than one person was engaged in the murder—deliberated as to the best spot at which to carry out their diabolical crime, certainly they could not have selected a place better calculated to afford escape from detection. To anyone accustomed to English country life, the solitude of the place is really painful, while its opportunities for escape, even to those not acquainted with the locality, are very apparent. To reach this place from England is one of the most tedious journeys possible, the last thirty miles, which have to be performed on an Irish car, being by far the worst part of the route, extending as it does over one of the most unpleasant pieces of road which can be imagined. Hence it was that not until nine o'clock last night did I find myself at the one inn of the village of Cong. There, of course, the one topic of conversation was the murder, and seeing that the chief of the police has taken up his quarters in the house, and his subordinates were continually coming in, one naturally thought that this would be the place to glean information throwing light on Saturday night's crime. Not so, however, for the officials, while displaying the greatest courtesy, declared that beyond the arrest of Sweeney on suspicion, they had failed to obtain any further clue, though they were scouring the country in all directions. There was nothing for it, therefore, but to proceed towards Ebor Hall, late as it was. Before starting I was told that it would be little that I should learn there, and this assertion was to a certain extent verified. But still, from a chat with one or two men on the road, I was enabled to learn that the deceased peer was not, as has been represented, an unpopular landlord. The majority of his limited tenantry greatly respected him, his habits and mode of life continually bringing him in contact with them. The one ground for the arrest of Sweeney, however, is stated to be that Lord Mountmorres, having had differences with him, had stated to many of his friends that he feared what the termination of the matter might be. Hence it was that he had the personal police escort, which he only abandoned a short time since. Being a fine, powerful man, and not suspecting that he had more than one who entertained a dislike to him, he expressed to his friends his confidence that he could protect his life. The police consider that more than one was engaged in the murder, from the difference in the character of the seven bullets extracted from the body. These are so distinct that they could not have been fired from one weapon, and the probabilities of one person carrying two revolvers are not great. At present there has been nothing discovered to connect Sweeney with the lantern and bottle of whiskey found near the scene of the murder, but certain facts will be adduced against him on Friday when he is to be brought up before the resident magistrates. The people to whom I had been talking expressed their horror at the crime, and their profound sympathy with Lady Mountmorres, who, I was informed, had arrived at Ebor House that evening from London. As it was now getting very late, and as my driver was a stranger in the locality, I deemed it prudent to leave further investigation for to-day, and consequently returned to Cong. As I write this, at six o'clock, there have arrived from Galway a hearse and mourning coaches, on the way to the residence of the deceased, to carry the corpse and mourners to Galway, from whence they proceeded to Dublin. The tenants are likely to assemble to see the corpse depart, and the district will in all probability be represented by Lord Ardilaun, better known as Sir Arthur Guiness, late M.P. for Dublin. I returned at one o'clock to-day from the residence of Lord Mountmorres and from what I saw and heard there, a reign of terror certainly exists in the district. The men from Galway, who had come specially with the mourning coaches, absolutely refused to go another route with the corpse than the one they had come. The friends of the deceased had had an intimation that the cortege might be stopped in proceeding that way, and they asked for an alternative route, but the drivers were inexorable, and prevailed. None of these men would assist in putting the corpse into the coffin, and my carman, who volunteered assistance to do so, was warmly thanked and rewarded by the brothers of the deceased. So fearful were the relatives of another outrage that Lady Mountmorres did not leave the house with the funeral.

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Correspondence.

CRICKET PLAYERS AND THEIR APPOINTMENTS.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Hearing that a match between the great Consett District Cricket Club and the Lanchester team was to be played on Saturday last, I strolled down to the field expecting to witness a good game between these rival clubs; but judge of my disappointment when I was told that there was no match. Espying the good-natured Captain of the Lanchester team, I asked him the reason of the match being off. "Well," he says, "I suppose it is owing to the horrible state of our ground, but," he slyly added, "I rather suspect it is owing to a schoolmasters' match at Shotley Bridge, which takes away three of their best men, and you know the old adage, 'a bad excuse is better than none.'" Now, sir, as this match has been fixed since the commencement of the season, and in this locality has been looked forward to with some interest, I cannot but think it is bad behaviour on the part of your Consett District C. C. members, more especially as their refusal to play was not sent until the eleventh hour.—I am, yours faithfully,

A Lover of the Game.

Lanchester, 28th Sept., 1880.

THE RATING OF THE REV. F. STEGGALL'S HOUSE.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

Sir,—Will you oblige by inserting the following, as an explanation or correction to your report of the Lanchester Union Assessment Committee, in your issue of the 24th ult. The rateable vaule of the Rev. F. Steggall's house at Consett, as fixed by overseers, was £35, and raised by Assessment Committee to £38; and objection was taken by Mr. J. Lax and myself to the rate of £35 and £38, not £46, as stated in your report—I am, yours faithfully,

Jos. Eltringham.

9, Railway Terrace, Benfieldside.

Cricket.

STANLEY v. CATCHGATE.

The above match was played on Saturday last on the ground of the former, and resulted in an easy victory for Catchgate. Score:—

STANLEY.		CATCHGATE.	
R. Gibson, b Carroll ..	6	R. Lawther, b Stamper	4
W. Hogarth, b Bell ..	3	R. Carroll, b Stamper..	5
W. Hughes, c Simpson b Bell	10	W. Porter, b Stamper..	9
W. Johnson, run out..	1	J. Robinson, b Harkness	3
R. Stamper, blk out ..	1	R. Bell, b Harkness ..	7
J. Harkness, run out..	1	W. Simpson, b Harkness	7
P. Harkness, b Porter	3	A. Carroll, b Harkness	3
G. Hogarth, b Bell....	5	P. Hunter, l b w......	0
M. Pattinson, not out..	3	J. Dodds, b Harkness..	8
M. Turner, c Smith, b Bell	0	S. Smith, run out	0
A. Swinburn, run out..	1	W. Hardy, not out....	3
Extras	1	Extras	6
Total	35	Total	55

Sad Death of a Land Agent, near Hexham.—On Thursday morning, the remains of Mr. John Fisher, land agent, Wall, North Tyne, were found on the North British Railway, with the head completely severed from the body. Mr. Fisher, who was land agent to Mr. John Clayton, of the Chesters, was last seen alive at half-past seven o'clock on Wednesday night in his own garden. Nothing more appears to have been either seen or heard of him until he was found by one of the platelayers employed by the railway company, as above stated, about half-past six o'clock on Thursday morning. His body was found with the breast downwards, and the feet resting in the channel which runs by the side of the railway. The face was scarcely scratched, but the head had been taken off at the back part of it. The body was found opposite Walwick Grange, between Wall and Chollerford railway stations, and it is is believed that the deceased had been killed by a goods train during the night. Deceased's father also filled the office of land agent to Mr. Clayton before deceased succeeded to the post. He was 56 years of age, and leaves a wife and family. An inquest will be held at Wall to-day.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

Consett—At Templetown, on the 30th ult., the wife of Mr. Geo. Lowes, of a son.

Delves Farm—On the 25th ult., the wife of Mr. T. Dolphin, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

Lanchester—At the Register Office, on the 25th ult., Mr. S. Castle, to Miss J. Haudy, both of Annfield Plain.—Same day, Mr. J. M. Stobbs, to Miss H. Walton, both of Dipton.—Same day, Mr. J. Duncan to Miss C. Weston, both of Medomsley.

DEATHS.

Consett—At Newmarket Street, on the 28th ult., aged 29 years, after a lingering illness borne with Christian fortitude, Henry, beloved husband of Annie Harvey. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery, to-day (Friday), 3·30 p.m.; cortege will leave the house at Three. All friends please accept this intimation. "Happy are they who died in the Lord."

Benfieldside—At 8, St. George's Place, on the 28th ult., aged 16 years, Edward Dibly.

At 2, Tinmill Place, on the 30th ult., in her 31st year, Lizzie, the beloved wife of William Redshaw, and youngest daughter of the late William Richardson, Carterways. To be interred at Benfieldside Cemetery, on Saturday, October 2nd, at 3 p.m., Friends please accept this intimation.

Langley Moor—On the 24th ult., Joseph, infant son of Mr. Magnay Walton, miner.—At the same place, on the 28th ult., Ethel Gertrude, infant daughter of Mr. Thomas Charlton, railway plate ayer.

Edmondbyers—On the 21st ult., aged 66 years, Mary, wife of Mr. Wm. Walton.

Westwood—On the 20th ult., aged 4½ years, Annie Urwin. — At the same place, on the 20th ult., aged 1 year, Elizabeth Pearson.

Blanchland—On the 24th ult., aged 66 years, Robson Taylor.

Stockton—At 6, Housewife Lane (at the house of her grandmother), on the 25th ult., aged 7 years, Grace, only daughter of William and Sarah Jane Harrison, of 6, Bessemer Street, Blackhill.

Ramshaw—On the 8th ult., aged 67 years, Hannah, widow of Mr. John Oliver.

Frosterley—On the 22nd ult., aged 31 years, Catherine Hannah, wife of Mr. N. Cawthorne.

Browney Colliery—On the 23rd ult., aged 13 years, Sarah Isabella, daughter of Mr. Edward Knowles, miner.—At the same place, on the 28th ult., aged 2½ years, Richard, son of Mr. Thos. Mewse, miner.

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