

No. 890. REGISTERED FOR TRANSMISSION ABROAD. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 1877. PRICE ONE PENNY.

**Business Announcements.**  
**AS ROWE, BAKER & CONFECTIONER,**  
**LEADGATE AND CONSETT.**  
 PIC-NICS AND TEA PARTIES SUPPLIED  
 OR CONTRACTED FOR.  
**ROBERT SEWELL**  
**ENGINEER AND APPRAISER.**

**RAFAELGAR STREET, CONSETT.**  
J. PARKER,  
JEWELLER,  
FRONT STREET, CONSETT.  
and WATCHES Cleaned and Repaired.  
Country Orders attended to.  
**W. WILKINSON,**  
RAFAELGAR STREET, CONSETT,  
OSTER, Distributor, and General Adver-  
sary for Consett and District. Lessee of all  
Municipal and Largest Posting Stations in the  
County.

**FURNITURE REMOVED. 730a**  
**NOTICE! NOTICE!!**  
 Person found Trespassing in pursuit of Game, entering Mushroom, Brambles, and Midland, Bedford, Middles, Knitely Grange, Allen Heads, Rowley, Dean Low, and Heasley Farms, prosecuted as the Law directs.  
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**SECTION IN ARTIFICIAL TEETH AND**  
**SS DENTISTRY AT MODERATE CHARGE.**

MR. T. F. WATSON, DENTIST, 101  
 LAYTON STREET (Corner of Newgate  
 Street), NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.  
 SOLELY calls attention to the Superiority  
 of his Bagotte's Eucalypti and Dental Carbol  
 F. TINKER STOPPED ON EXTRACTION.

AMES PALLISER,  
 GROCER, AND GENERAL PROVISION  
 MERCHANT,  
 FOUNDRY ROW, BLACKHILL.

Medicines of various kinds on hand.

**THE UNITED EMPIRE MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY,**  
BRIDGE STREET, BLACKFRIARS, LONDON, E.C. 4.

Fifth Triennial Cash Bonus just paid. The Cash Bonus will be declared in 1970. Free Reports, Balance Sheets, and any information of

**MR. G. J. ROBINSON,**

TEA DEALER, AND PROVISION  
MERCHANT,  
ERWENT STREET, BLACKHILL. 92.  
STREET TEA AND GROCERY  
WAREHOUSE,  
91 & 93, BLACKETT STREET,  
WCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

JOHNSON, Family Grocer and Tea Dealer,  
Coffee, and Spices of the Choicest quality,  
all Teas from 2s. per pound. Coffee, 1s. per  
household Soaps from 3d. per pound. All  
retailers Goods cheap and of the best quality.

Frames—Cast  
 PERS, MILLNERS, CLOTHIERS, &c.  
 ROET'S REGISTERED PINS for Windows

**VALUABLE AND DESIRABLE  
AND OTHER BUILDING SITES  
FOR SALE.  
IN LARGE OR SMALL PLOTS,  
THE RIVERFRONT DISTRICT.**

APPLY TO  
**WILLIAM RAW**  
 OWNER, VALUER, SURVEYOR  
 AND COMMISSION AGENT.  
 BLACKHILL,  
 CO. DURHAM.  
 HUMBERLAND CARRIAGE AND  
 HARNESS MANUFACTORY.  
 Established 1794.  
 BRICK STREET, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

S. ATKINSON AND PHILIPSON,  
inspection of their new designs of carriages for  
which comprise the improvements of London,  
America; also the large Stock of Second-  
hand and Harness standing for Sale, at the  
ELGIN COUNTESS CARRIAGE AND  
HARNESS REPOSITORY.  
At Messrs. ATKINSON and PHILIPSON'S,  
11, GILGRIM STREET, NEWCASTLE.  
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W. WILKINSON'S Hardware Store will do well to find a well-selected Stock of Household Goods, also, Flocks, Feathers, and Rabbit-skins, the Ticks, Brass and Iron Bedsteads (very cheap), and Wringing Machines, and Paper-hanging and new designs.

Special Agent for Hardy and Bury's Patent Fishers in the Trade supplied with Cloths, Hardware, Jewellery, Spectacles, Telescopes, and Opera Glasses at Wholesale Prices.

**JOHN W. DAVIDSON**  
FURNITURE, FURNITURE, FURNITURE

IRONMONGER, &c.,  
121 STREET, CONSETT,  
AND CATCHGATE,  
New on hand the largest and best made, Stock  
FURNITURE in the district.  
BEDSTEADS in great variety.  
SILKS, FEATHERS, FLOCKS, RABBIT  
Stock of New Patterns in PAPER HANG-  
ING, PAINTS, GLASS, &c.,  
CALCULATORS, HARDWARE,  
AND THE HOME WASHER AND MANGLING  
MACHINE.

and HARDY'S PATENT PICKS and  
S. <sup>FOR SALE</sup>  
Dealer in SPORTING and BLASTING  
BR. 6726





Public Notice.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875.

DISTRICT OF LEADGATE, WITH MIDDMOLEY AND IVESTON HIGHWAYS.

DISTRICT AUDITOR'S SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25th MARCH, 1877.

GENTLEMEN—I have Audited the Accounts of your Board for the year ended 25th March last, and the same may be said of the Surveyor's. His Books, Accounts, and Vouchers were in the most regular order, and the same may be said of the Surveyor's. In the important item of rate-collecting you are also particularly fortunate, especially in these depressed times. There is a balance in favour of the Highway Account of £21 9s. 6d., which should be disposed of. A Pit-fall account had better be kept, as the question seems likely to come before a Court.

I am, Gentlemen, very faithfully yours, JAS. RADFORD, District Auditor.

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Members of the Leadgate Local Board.

| Dr.                                                                                                                 | £  | s. | d. | Cr. | £   | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Balance due from Treasurer                                                                                          | 10 | 10 | 6  |     |     |    |    |
| RECEIPTS.                                                                                                           |    |    |    |     |     |    |    |
| From General District Rate, made 12th July, 1876, on £13,827 7s. 6d. 10d. in the pound on Houses and 24d on Land    | 22 | 12 | 7  |     | 644 | 15 | 0  |
| Amount of rate not recoverable                                                                                      | 6  | 7  | 6  |     |     |    |    |
| Amount of rate recoverable                                                                                          |    |    |    |     | 29  | 0  | 1  |
| From General District Rate, made 10th January, 1877, on £13,420 7s. 6d. 10d. in the pound on Houses and 24d on Land | 53 | 2  | 9  |     | 636 | 16 | 1  |
| Amount of rate not recoverable                                                                                      | 8  | 11 | 7  |     |     |    |    |
| Amount of rate recoverable                                                                                          |    |    |    |     | 92  | 0  | 4  |
| Interest allowed by Treasurer                                                                                       |    |    |    |     | 64  | 15 | 9  |
|                                                                                                                     |    |    |    |     | 2   | 6  | 8  |

| Dr.                                          | £  | s. | d. | Cr. | £   | s. | d. |
|----------------------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| Balance due to Collector                     | 10 | 10 | 6  |     |     |    |    |
| PAYMENTS.                                    |    |    |    |     |     |    |    |
| Highways.                                    |    |    |    |     |     |    |    |
| Manual Labour by Day                         |    |    |    |     | 93  | 9  | 10 |
| Manual Labour by Contract                    |    |    |    |     | 246 | 14 | 10 |
| Team Labour by Day                           |    |    |    |     | 4   | 10 | 0  |
| Team Labour by Contract                      |    |    |    |     | 60  | 8  | 24 |
| Materials                                    |    |    |    |     | 116 | 0  | 0  |
| Sewer Outlets                                |    |    |    |     | 4   | 10 | 0  |
| Trademen's Bills                             |    |    |    |     | 30  | 14 | 2  |
| Salaries and Common Charges                  |    |    |    |     | 692 | 6  | 7  |
| SWERAGE.                                     |    |    |    |     |     |    |    |
| General Works                                |    |    |    |     | 9   | 19 | 5  |
| Sinks; Haggards                              |    |    |    |     | 28  | 0  | 0  |
| Rent of Storehouse                           |    |    |    |     | 4   | 0  | 0  |
| Salaries of Scavenger                        |    |    |    |     | 30  | 0  | 0  |
| Public Lighting                              |    |    |    |     | 69  | 19 | 5  |
| Rate Bridge                                  |    |    |    |     | 123 | 4  | 0  |
| ENTERTAINMENT CHARGES.                       |    |    |    |     |     |    |    |
| Books, Printing, Stationery, and Advertising |    |    |    |     | 13  | 15 | 7  |
| Salary of Clerk                              |    |    |    |     | 40  | 0  | 0  |
| Salary of Officer of Health                  |    |    |    |     | 20  | 10 | 3  |
| Collector's Pensions                         |    |    |    |     | 2   | 6  | 0  |
| Rent of Board-room                           |    |    |    |     | 2   | 6  | 0  |
| Audit Fee                                    |    |    |    |     | 11  | 11 | 0  |
| Justice of the Peace                         |    |    |    |     | 3   | 1  | 1  |
| Election Expenses                            |    |    |    |     | 115 | 19 | 5  |
| Sundry Expenses                              |    |    |    |     | 3   | 1  | 1  |

MIDDMOLEY HIGHWAYS.

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| Rate made 24th May, 1876, at 6d.      | .. | .. | 456 | 6   | 4 |
| Rate not recoverable                  | .. | .. | 12  | 4   | 6 |
| Rate recoverable                      | .. | .. | 213 | 9   | 8 |
|                                       |    |    | 14  | 17  | 9 |
| Rate made 17th November, 1876, at 6d. | .. | .. | 470 | 9   | 4 |
| Rate not recoverable                  | .. | .. | 17  | 10  | 0 |
| Rate recoverable                      | .. | .. | 215 | 3   | 0 |
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| Manual Labour by Day .. .. .        | 154 | 12 | 10     |
| Manual Labour by Contract .. .. .   | 181 | 7  | 7      |
| Team Labour by Day .. .. .          | 60  | 10 | 0      |
| Team Labour by Contract .. .. .     | 126 | 11 | 11     |
| Materials .. .. .                   | 102 | 0  | 0      |
| Sewer Outlets .. .. .               | 9   | 14 | 0      |
| Trademen's Bills .. .. .            | 21  | 0  | 0      |
| Payment to Tungipeta Trust .. .. .  | 21  | 0  | 0      |
| Salaries and Common Charges .. .. . | 619 | 13 | 1      |
|                                     |     |    | 502 19 |
| HIGHWAYS.                           |     |    |        |
| Manual Labour by Day .. .. .        | 2   | 4  | 0      |
| Manual Labour by Contract .. .. .   | 1   | 19 | 0      |
| Materials .. .. .                   | 13  | 3  | 9      |
| Team Labour by Day .. .. .          | 3   | 3  | 0      |
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| Balance due from Treasurer .. .. .  |     |    | 328 10 |
| Balance due from Surveyor .. .. .   |     |    | 1 0    |

JAS. RADFORD, District Auditor.

Business Announcements.

ENGLISH AND MILBURN

Wholesale and Retail

DRAPERS, HATTERS, MILLINERS, HOSEIERS, GLOVERS, HAIRDRESSERS, &c.

The Latest Novelties in every Department.

Hatters and the Trade supplied at Manufacturers' List Prices.

ENGLISH AND MILBURN.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRAPERS,

MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT; AND FRONT STREET, DIFTON.

WONDERS NEVER CEASE.

RE-OPENING OF THE SHOP.

16, NEWMARKET STREET,

ON PAY FRIDAYS AND MONDAYS AND EVERY SATURDAY.

WITH A LARGE STOCK OF PROVISIONS, WHICH WILL BE SOLD CHEAP.

LAKE'S WONDERFUL TEA IN 6d. PER LB.

Better than Price Tea, at 3s. per lb.

To be had at the Central Tea Shop, 6, MIDDLE STREET, or at the Branch Shop, 16, NEWMARKET STREET, CONSETT.

JAMES LAKE, PROPRIETOR.

READ THIS.

Let woman be evergreen grateful. For the age, with its blessings untold. For its beautiful harvest of stitches. More precious than jewels or gold. In this, our delightful transaction. Every woman is more than a queen. And all pleasures are covered with stitches. With the beautiful Sewing Machine. Long desired and gracefully fulfilled. Adorn all costumes and figures. Which are adapted to the comeliest model. Then be grateful to "How" and "to" Singer. Pioneers in the race they have run.

READ ON.

W. HALL begs to inform his Friends and the Public generally that he has removed from his old place to the Shop, lately occupied by Mr. STARK, next door to Dr. Brewer's Surgery, DIFTON, where any of the above mentioned Machines may be had at the Lowest Prices, with a Liberal Discount for Cash. Also all Parts and Fittings for any kind of Sewing Machine, together with Needles, Oil, &c. Agents for the Home Warber, Coventry Bicycle, Mangles, Wringers, &c. Sewing Machines exchanged.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH.

IT IS FIVE YEARS SINCE MR. MAXWELL'S first attendance at Consett, since he has been enabled to make and make up the Month 24th and partial Sets of Artificial Teeth, which have been obtained from qualified practitioners to Dentistry, who ask to give no satisfaction but to pay payment, not caring whether the Teeth fit or not. Sufficient testimony can be given by some of those patients, who would interpose to make answer for the manner in which they have been improved upon.

BUY SCOTCH'S BOOTS.

ADMITTED by thousands to be the Cheapest and Best Boots ever offered to the Public. To be had only at his own Shop. STARK'S BOOT SHOP, CONSETT, 23 and 24, N. Street, and 46, Dean Street, Newcastle; 125, High Street, Gateshead; 121, Bedford Street, and 3, Union Street, North Shields; Station Road, South Shields; 58, Ormside Street, Jarrow; 7, South Street, Middlesbrough; and Bridge Street, Morpeth.

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Business Announcements.

A. PHILLIPS.

AUTOMOBILE AND APPRAISER, DIFTON.

I am prepared to undertake the valuation, sale, and by strict attention and efficiency in this business, hope to share public patronage.

GOOD NEWS

FOR THE INHABITANTS OF CONSETT AND DISTRICT.

A GREAT WANT SUPPLIED.

OPENING OF A GOOD

FAMILY BOOT AND SHOE WAREHOUSE

IN MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

R. LONGSTAFF, the People's Cheap

BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURER,

has OPENED A BRANCH SHOP,

IN MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT, with the

Largest and Handicraft Stock in the neighbourhood of every description of LADIES',

GENTLEMEN'S, and CHILDREN'S

Fashionable BOOTS and SHOES.

LONGSTAFF'S

FAMILY SHOE WAREHOUSE,

4, MIDDLE STREET, CONSETT.

Next Door to Mr. W. MAXWELL, the Tea Dealer; and at

19, NEWMARKET STREET, DIFTON; and at

22, MARKET PLACE, DURHAM;

CHURCH STREET, CROOK;

And

HIGH STREET, SPENNYMOOR.

THE favourite Cigars are the Duke of Wellington

and Lord Nelson, both registered brands.

Only to be had of WHOLESALE and

JOHN A. LEE & SONS,

BRACKEN, South, and at the Duke of Wellington,

33, CLAYTON STREET, and 11, N. Street, Consett.

Try Teller's Dark London Soap, five cut, 4d. per box.

Business Announcements.

ONE TRIAL WILL PROVE.

AS IS DAILY THE CASE, THAT PARTIES WISHING TO BUY

DRAPERY OR READY-MADE CLOTHING,

CAN BUY CHEAPER THAN BY GOING TO NEWCASTLE, AT

J. M. BEAVAN'S,

THE WHOLESALE SHOP, DIFTON.

HENRY AMOS

RESPECTFULLY intimates to the Public that he has commenced Business as HORSESHOE and GENERAL SMITH in the old-established Shop at the corner of Church Street, North Shields, on Wednesday, August 15th, 1877, and hopes to attract attention to his business to merit a share of his patronage.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION.

We beg to intimate our very large arrival of

NEW GOODS

For AUTUMN WEAR,

Which comprises the most

FASHIONABLE GOODS

That are made.

Undermentioned is a list of the Articles which are most worthy of note, and we have not the least hesitation in saying that for Cheapness we cannot be excelled by the largest Firm in the North of England, as we buy direct from the Manufacturers, for Cash, which places us in a position to the Trade At.

Ladies' Tweed Ulsters.

Ladies' Mantle Jackets.

Furs and Fur Trimmings of all descriptions.

Wool Shawls and Handkerchiefs.

Shirts and Shirts.

Draw Trimmings and Gaiters.

Velvet Tea Coats and Toilet Sets.

Infants' Wool and Velvet Hoods and Hats.

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CHARLES D. SCOTT, PLUMBER AND BRASS FOUNDER, NEWCASTLE.

HAVING been requested by some of the leading

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as manufactured by J. GREEN and CO., which for

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quality, and at prices which will recommend them to all

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Plans, Plans, Plans, Plans, Plans, Plans, Plans, Plans,

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ALL kinds of Cabs, Dog Carts, and Spring Carts

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zious teaching would be a very evil thing for our

I am not in general fond of "writing up" individuals, and care less about testimonial-giving. The rarer savours of "scratch-my-back-and-I'll-scratch-your's"-ism, while the promoters of the latter are very often actuated by personal considerations, without reference to the actual worth of a man, "testimonial-land" is where a man has

mented his fellow-townsmen by long public  
services, such an individual no doubt deserves

believe, has served the public more faithfully during a lengthened period than Mr. John Gladstone, and it is with real pleasure that I learn that there is a likelihood of his past services meeting their suitable reward at the hands of his fellow-citizens. I have not known Mr. Gladstone so long as many of your readers, and he will perhaps

be, as Izaak Walton says, "a severe, sour-  
complexioned man." The more I have seen of him,

water, the more first impressions have been created, and now I can admire the man for his great manliness, his jovial manner, and the straightforwardness of his dealings in public. It is chiefly through the exertions of Mr. Gledstone and his compeers that a permanent supply of water is introduced to this district. Twenty years ago every gallon of water sold in Consett cost a farthing.

common thing for men to go to work unwashed

ment of the wells (whence the supply was chiefly  
ained) being drained of the then precious liquid.  
ith regard to the proposed testimonial to Mr.  
adstone, I feel confident that the movement will  
et with the hearty support of all classes in the  
istrict.  
Harvesting operations have been commenced at

Thursday. I noticed that several fields of wheat that neighbourhood are almost ready for the

and the shortness of straw, but the fields ween Benfieldside and Durham seem up to the average in both respects. Turnips are only a poor crop this year. This is a root that requires moisture, and this year there has been too much of that commodity, and on badly-drained land turnips are going back." Potatoes will also be a poor crop this

cerned. I have seen samples that have been taken of the extensive allotments in Sherburn Terrace.

garth-holder remarked, than "pig tatics." The continued wet weather has damaged the hay crop considerably. Much of the hay that was secured during the "stand starts" of the weather has turned moldy, and many stacks will only be like so much chaff to the owners. Several fields in the neighborhood of Muncasterwick were uncut last week and

found the reaper still at work.

**Local and District News.**

The members of the 10th Durham Rifle Volunteers (Beamish and Tanfield) had their annual meeting on Saturday last. Particulars in our next issue.

week, we inadvertently stated that first prize  
four dissimilar fuchsias was awarded to Mr

**CASTLESIDE SCHOOL BOARD.**—The monthly meeting of the members of the above Board was held Monday afternoon. There were present—Mr. [illegible] (chairman), Mr. Scott, Mr. Leybourne, Mr. [illegible], and Mr. Ward (clerk). The business transacted was of no public interest.

St. Nicholas' Square Fire-proof Safe Depot,  
here there is the largest assortment of Fire-proof

price lists to J. R. HALL, above address. 343h.

**FRUIT BANQUET AT LEADGATE.**—On the evening of Saturday last, a fruit banquet was held at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Leadgate. Mr. Henderson, Bradley Cottages, occupied the chair,

own, J. Johnson, Consett; J. Greenwood, Black-  
l, and F. Raine, Shotley Bridge. Select pieces of

to the Sunday-school fund. On the motion of Mr. Hawden, hearty votes of thanks were given to the chairman, speakers, and choir.

**LANGLEY PARK SCHOOLS.**—In our issue of 1st inst. we gave a short notice of the opening of these schools, and now, everlastingly, it is the

er account. The schools are handsome and  
immodious erections, built from the designs of

ed to receive nearly 200 children. A large playground has been set apart for the use of the children, and the schools have been built through the exertions of the Rev. Dr. Lee, Vicar of Esh, assisted by Mr. William Logan, viewer of Langley Park Colliery. The entire cost of the schools has been £844 17s. 8d., which the sum of £764 has only yet been subscribed.

on Co., Limited, £200; the Earl of Durham, £100; Richard Newsham, Esq., Preston, £115; the Bishop

eston, £25; and the Bishop of Manchester, \$10. The schools will be conducted as British schools, and will be under the joint management of the Rev. J. Lee and Mr. William Logan; the latter acting on behalf of the Consett Iron Co., Limited. The building will be used on Sunday evenings for church of England services. The managers have

clear off the balance of £90 17s. 8d. yet remaining  
for the school; from debt. The fifth remaining

**THE RYHOPE STRIKE.**—On Thursday afternoon a number of the miners of Dipton held a meeting at their lodge room, to hear statements from delegates from Ryhope, in reference to their present grievance. There was a fair number pre-

The delegates, in stating their case, said they are contending at Ryhope for right against might.

lated the whole case respecting Mr. Prentice's removal from the position of check-weighman. They assented to his being removed from the situation and intended to have kept him as their delegate or deputy, but when he was deputed to wait upon the masters, as soon as they saw him, they shut the door in his face and said they would not have him.

...but the working man, or, in other words, they  
could not listen to what he had to say. They (the

ed over by their masters in such a manner as to say "No, No.") The masters were not content with taking his situation from him, but they wished to get him from the colliery altogether. They considered it very unfair for the masters to refuse to listen to him as the deputy for the working men. They did not choose whom the

... choose whom the working men should have? It is altogether wrong, and they at Rybna were de-

stricks would help them they were quite prepared and willing to fight the battle, for if they did not fight it now they would have to fight it at a much worse time. They hoped they would help them, for every place they had been to expressed their sympathy with them and decided to assist them through a struggle. The delegates were well received by

another evening when it will be definitely decided what they will do.





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LEADGATE LOCAL BOARD.

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## EGYPT AND THE SLAVE TRADE.

The recent convention between Great Britain and Egypt, and the slave trade, may be characterized as an attempt to apply the thick instead of the thin end of the wedge to a great social evil. It abounds in stipulations for the prevention of the export of slaves, and the prohibition of the import of slaves, and ingresses of persons seized as slaves, and into the Egyptian territory. It provides for the summary punishment by courts-martial and otherwise of slave dealers, whether Egyptian or foreign. It confers a joint right of search on British and Egyptian cruisers stationed in the Red Sea and Indian Ocean. Finally, it engages to publish a special notice prohibiting traffic in slaves within Egyptian territories after a specified date.

The annex to the convention defines this "specified date" to be within twelve years for the frontier provinces and seven years for Egypt proper. The abolition of the internal traffic in slaves applies equally to the white as well as coloured races. The ordinance, in the treaty, is intended to be applied to the slave markets while leaving the markets open to slave traffic for a considerable period of time. Now the most efficacious means of annihilating the Slave Trade in Egypt, is not the prospective, but the immediate closing of private as well as public Egyptian slave markets.

Such a measure would do more to stop the slave trade in a month, than the summary execution of slave dealers at the yard arms of British and Egyptian vessels of war could accomplish in many years. In an axiom to demand that the supply will follow the demand; hence it follows that the converse will be equally true, and that the supply will cease when there is no longer a demand for the living market. The fact is well known that, given a profitable traffic, desperate men will always be found to engage in it, under the most adverse circumstances. The very severity of the restrictions increases the value of the merchandise and augments the gains of dealers. The penalties of piracy never stopped smuggling, nor risk of life blockade-running, nor vigilant cruisers and frontier guards, nor even the slave trade to the unwilling purchasers are easy to discourage heavy sums of money for the human merchandise. So far from the new convention diminishing the slave trade, it is more likely to increase it by rendering the traffic more difficult, and, consequently, more remunerative. The true and only method of abolishing slavery and the slave trade in Egypt, is the promulgation of a law, which should grant all slaves their freedom throughout his dominions forthwith, with demonstration of his determination to have the decree obeyed by freeing the thousands of slaves—white and black—in his palaces and factories. The objections against such a course are two-fold: First, it has been argued that, slavery in the East is a social institution from the commencement of civilization, that custom is more powerful than law, and that even a despotic ruler is powerless to change the manners of his subjects in a day; secondly, it has been urged that men, even in the East, are paid with their lives more willingly than with their property. The heavy cost of the abolition of slavery in the Southern States of America has also been advanced as a proof of the tenacity with which even men whose civilization is of the highest known type cling to their property. This objection certainly appears formidable, but they will seem less so when it is considered that Western nations are inclined to judge of the East from the social standpoint of Western society, and from that of the East. Eastern nations are accustomed to the exercise of arbitrary power on the part of their rulers. The late Sultan Mahmoud showed the heads of his soldiers, decapitated the turban, and compelled them to don Frankish garments by Imperial decree, and he was obeyed. Quite recently, the Emperor of Japan, or rather, the Japanese Government, which claims to be the most improvable and capable throughout the far East, absolutely drove the Japanese nation into Western civilization with a speed which seemed almost ludicrous. It is, therefore, fair to assume that as custom in the East, although of long standing, is not so inveterate as in the West, the abolition of the slave trade in Egypt would be obeyed by Egyptians, especially if it was understood to be made by the Egyptian Government, and not by a foreign power. The Khedive himself, secondly, his subjects the example of obeying his own law. It must likewise be remembered that the instant manumission of all slaves whatsoever in Egypt would affect not the entire Egyptian nation, but a comparatively small class in the nation. The Egyptian peasantry who form the bulk of the population do not hold slaves, and the bulk of the slave trade is in the hands of a few rich Egyptian merchants and contractors, who would still remain wealthy even although deprived of their slaves.

In a word, a nation which makes a revolution and revolt of its Sovereign's decrees, but a carte blanche.

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