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WHEREAS an Application for the Inclosure of Bowes Moor, in the Parish of Bowes, in the North Riding of the County of York, has been duly made to "The Inclosure Commissioners for England and Wales," pursuant to the provisions of "The Acts for the Inclosure Exchange, and Improvement of Land."
And, whereas, the said application has been referred by the said Commissioners to me, an Assistant Commissioner, duly appointed under this Act.
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that I shall hold a Meeting, on the 22nd day of APRIL next, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon, at the School Room in the said Parish, for the purpose of hearing any objections which may be made to the proposed Inclosure, and any information or evidence which may be offered in relation thereto.
Witness my hand this 27th day of March, 1856.
J. J. RAWLINSON,
Assistant Inclosure Commissioner.

MR. CHRISTOPHER BROWN, deceased.

ALL persons having any claim upon the late Mr. CHRISTOPHER BROWN, of Levypool, in the County of York, farmer, are requested to send the particulars thereof to Mr. JOHN BROWN, of West Briscoe, or Mr. WILLIAM BROWN, of East Briscoe, in order that the same may be discharged; and all persons who stood indebted to the said CHRISTOPHER BROWN, at his decease, are requested to pay the amount of their debts to the said JOHN BROWN or WILLIAM BROWN, on or before the 1st of May, 1856.

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*February*, 1856.

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Piano Fortes Tuned and Repaired by an experienced Tuner, from the largest Piano Forte Manufactory out of London.

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CRAGG HILL FARM, situate in the Township of Lartington, in the County of York, containing an excellent DWELLING-HOUSE, and suitable conveniences, and about 29½ Acres of LAND.
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MR. TARN,
BEGS leave respectfully to announce, that he is instructed to Sell by Auction, on Tuesday, April 15th, 1856, at Birk House, the following FARMING STOCK, Implements of Husbandry, Household Furniture, Dairy Utensils, &c., the property of Mr. Handisides, viz., 1 Cow, to calve on the 14th May; 1 Geld Cow; 1 Draught Horse, quiet in all gears; 1 Waggon: 2 Hoy Carts; 1 Iron Plough: 1 Ribbing Plough; 2 pairs of Harrows; 1 large Roller; Scuffler; Turnip Drill & Roller; Cart and Plough Gears; Saddle and Bridle; Ladders, Rakes, Forks, Hurdles, Cow Chains, Pokes, &c. The FURNITURE comprises 3 Camp Bedsteads and Hangings; 3 Feather Beds; Chests of Drawers: 1 Clock, in oak case; 1 dozen Kitchen Chairs; half-dozen hair-seated ditto; 1 Kitchen Table; Fender and Fire Irons; Possing and other Tubs, Pans, &c. DAIRY UTENSILS—3 Lead Bowls; 1 Barrel Churn; 1 Milk Kettle; Cheese Press and Yats.
Sale to begin at 1 o'clock.

MR. TARN
RESPECTFULLY announces that he is instructed to sell by Auction, on Friday, the 11thof April, 1856, at MARWOOD, the following valuable FARMING STOCK, Implements of Husbandry, &c., late belonging to Mr G. BELL, deceased, consisting of 1 good Milch Cow, near calving; 1 strong bay Draught Horse, 4 years old, by Volunteer, quiet in all gears; 1 bay Draught Filly, 3 years old, by Filbert, ditto; 1 very useful Grey Draught Mare, ditto; 3 Coup Carts, 2 Long ditto; 3 Iron Ploughs, 2 Wood ditto; 2 pairs of Harrows, 1 large ditto; Double Turnip Drill, Cultivator, 1 Iron Ribbing Plough, Clod Crusher, Hay Sweep, Wheelbarrow, 1 Iron Scuffler, 1 large Box Roller, nearly new; Grindstone, Corn Binn, Cart and Plough Harness for 6 horses, Forks, Rakes, Cow Chains, Ladders, and a variety of other Farming Implements. Also a set of Blacksmith's Tools, Barrel Churn, Cheese Tray, Large Pickle Tub, 3 Servants' Bedsteads, Longsettle, Form, Mangle, &c.
Sale to begin at 1 o'clock.

TOLLS TO LET.
TURNPIKE ROADS leading from BROUGH, in the County of Westmoreland, to MIDDLETON BRIDGE, with a Branch to EGGLESTON BRIDGE, in the North Riding of the County of York.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the TOLLS arising at the undermentioned Toll Gates, on the Brough, Middleton, and Mickleton Turnpike Roads, will be LET BY AUCTION, to the best bidder, at the House of Mr. JOSEPH HAINE, in Mickleton, on Saturday, the 12th day of April, 1856, between the hours of eleven and two, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the third year of the Reign of His Majesty George the Fourth, for regulating Turnpike Roads; which Tolls produced, last year, the following sums, viz.,
MIDDLETON GATE - £70
MICKLETON GATE - £88
BROUGH GATE - - - £41
Above the expense of collecting them, and will be put up together, or in Lots, at such sums as the Trustees shall think fit. Whoever happens to be the highest Bidder, must at the same time give security, with sufficient Sureties, to the satisfaction of the Trustees of the said Turnpike Roads, for the Monthly payment of the Rent agreed for.
Also, at the same time, the Trustees will hold their GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING, for Auditing the Accounts for the last year, and transacting other business relating to the said Roads.
JOHN ADDISON,
Clerk to the Trustees.
*Romaldkirk, April 3rd*, 1856.

LADIES' BAZAAR,
AT THE
WITHAM TESTIMONIAL, BARNARD CASTLE.
A LARGE and extensive Assortment of USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL Articles, comprising a great variety of Children's Dresses, Wax Flowers and Fruit, handsome Cushions, Antimacassars, Mats, &c., &c., will be exhibited for Sale, in the large room of the above building, on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, and THURSDAY, 22nd, 23rd, & 24th of April, from Ten in the Morning till Nine in the Evening.
Tea and Coffee will be prepared at any hour when required.

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OAKLEY'S MERCANTILE ACADEMY,
*Broadgates, Barnard Castle.*
THE course of study embraces Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar and Composition, Geography, History, Mensuration, Algebra, Book-keeping, Drawing, Mapping, Latin, &c., regulated by Classification.
TERMS:—6s., 10s. 6d., 15s., per Quarter.
French is an extra.
Boarders (treated as members of the family) on reasonable terms.

R. BUCKLE,
HAIR DRESSER, WIG MAKER, &c.,
BEGS most respectfully to inform the Inhabitants of Barnard Castle, and its vicinity, that he has commenced Business on the premises lately occupied by Mr. Thos. Stephenson, and from the knowledge he possesses of the business, (having worked in first-class shops both in London and the Country), he hopes to obtain a share of public patronage.
N.B. Families and Schools attended.

THORPE GRANGE, NEAR GRETA-BRIDGE
TO BE LET,
And entered upon on the 13th of May, 1856,
A LARGE and commodious DWELLING-HOUSE, situate at Thorpe Grange, near Greta-Bridge, containing spacious Dining, Drawing, and Breakfast rooms, with excellent Bed rooms; large Kitchen, Pantry, and good Cellars, with Coach-house and Stabling, and an extensive and productive Garden.
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Together with an elegant assortment of Types, Borders, Flowers, &c., suitable for ORNAMENTAL PRINTING.

MARKETS.

NEWCASTLE, *April* 8.—The supply of beef comprised 1,047 head, for which there was a good demand, at full rates. 4,708 sheep shown; trade steady. Small sheep are making a shade more money. Prices—Beef, 5s. to 7s. 3d.; Pork, 6s. to 7s. per stone; Mutton, 6d. to 7½d. per pound.
Newcastle, Tuesday, April 8.—There was a thin attendance of buyers at this day's market, and sales in both English and Foreign Wheat progressed slowly at barely the rates of this day week. Rye unchanged. Barley, both for malting and grinding, was in fair request. Malt at full prices. Beans at late rates. Peas 1s lower. Oats dull. A slow sale for Flour, at late rates.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Anonymous communications can on no account receive attention. Every contribution must be authenticated (in confidence) with the name of the writer.*

Baldersdale.—*Not having room for the whole of our Correspondent's speech, we here give the opening paragraph:—"Gentlemen, I rise to call your minds to the warmest of my intention, being as I am, not acquainted with it, I find it my place and duty, to give you my opinion. I am glad that another year has given us, the delight of calling us again in the presence of each other, to welcome the benefit of our worthy entertainer. We have met friendly on the like occasion for many years before, and has been favoured with the same parting. I hope we will still give honour, to this year, to the same conclusion." &c., &c.*

## Local and General News.

ACCIDENT.—On Friday last, a man named Pattison, in the employ of Mr. Percival Appleby, whilst engaged adjusting the girders on the roof of the Railway Station, fell to the ground, and was taken up seriously bruised. Under the care of Mr. Cust, surgeon, Pattison is progressing favourably towards recovery.

PARISH OF STARTFORTH.—Mr. Thomas, of Mount Pleasant, has been returned as member of the Board of Guardians of the Teesdale Union.

A MATRON WHO DESERVES WELL OF HER COUNTRY.—Mrs. Margaret Scott, of Wheysike, Forest, Teesdale, aged 85, has 40 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. She had a large family, of whom only 3 survive. Total living descendants, 104.

ROMALDKIRK LITERARY & SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION.—The Quarterly Meeting was held on Saturday evening, to transact the general business of the Institution. When from the success which attended their last Tea party, it was resolved to have the next on the 14th of June next.

ROMALDKIRK HARRIERS.—At the conclusion of the Hunting Season, J. S. Helmer, Esq., the owner of this beautiful little pack, gives a treat to his sporting friends, and the parties who keep the dogs, at some Inn where a dog is kept, and, consequently, the "last day" has become a regular gala day amongst the hunters. Friday last, being the "last day," was looked foward to with considerable interest by those who delight to follow the hounds, and when

"Bright Phœbus has mounted the chariot of day,
The hounds and the horn call each huntsman away."

A good company joined, and the hounds met at Park End, but, although

"Old Parkin over the cover did stand,
And loudly did hollo with the horn in his hand,"

pussey was not there to be found, but, at Step Ends, Old Merriman gave notice of her not being far distant. Mountain and Gaiety told the same tale. Then

"While sweet-tongued Harriers snuff the morning scent,
Through moistened meads and over aspless bent;
Then country swains, roused by the huntsman's cry,
Across the fields with nimble footsteps ply.
The huntsman hollos, and his horn resounds,
Made more harmonious by the anxious hounds."

The scent was by no means good, and pussey managed to keep off her pursuers for nearly three hours, but was ultimately killed in Chapelholme wood. Old Parkin, as usual, being in at the death. Two or three short runs bring the day's sport to a conclusion. Then for Mickleton repair

"The wearied swains, convened by hill and grove,
To the village Inn."

where they found Mrs. Raine had prepared a substantial supper, upon which nigh 40 hungry hunters immediately made an assault, and certainly, from the appearance of the dishes, most successfully.

"Then smoking pots and rustic songs go round,
The chase renewed, their tongues retrace the ground,
O'er which poor pussey led the anxious train,
Mark where she sought the highlands, where the plain."

Mr. Helmer occupied the chair, and after the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, the respective healths of the proprietors and tenants over whose property Mr. Helmer hunts were drunk. Mr. Helmer's health was proposed, and drunk with due honours, and such cheers as none but huntsmen can give, after which were given, the healths of Messrs. J. N. Kipling, (the vice chairman) Thos. Helmer, sen., Thos. Helmer, jun., W. Raine, and Wm. Dent, "Old Parkin Raine," (the Huntsman) Thos. Parkin Raine and Parkin Raine, jun., (his sons) and the keepers of the dogs. The company then separated, highly delighted with the evening's proceedings. An amateur Band was in attendance, and contributed to the conviviality of the evening by playing several enlivening airs.

MIDDLETON.—Grand Illuminaeion on Saturday Night:—Almost every house and pane of glass, had a candle attached. Mr. Hardy, lead miner, has but one light when the door is closed; and by means of draughts and cross currents of air, his lights gleamed and quivered at a distance like an hundred brilliants and diamonds rocked in a baby's cradle. I leave you to judge.—*Correspondent.*

SHEPHERD'S DINNER, BALDERSDALE.—The Annual Dinner, given by Edward Baxter, Esq., to the Keepers and Shepherds on his estates, took place at Mr. W. Fawcett's, West Friar House, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. An excellent and plentiful repast, with the usual exhilarating accompaniments, was prepared, to the whole of which the company did ample justice. Upwards of 50 dined. After the cloth was drawn, Mr. Nelson was appointed chairman, and opened the proceedings in a neat speech. The chairman was followed by Mr. Fawcett, who spoke at some length, on a variety of topics, and concluded with a merited eulogium on the character of Mr. Baxter, their entertainer. A number of toasts and songs were afterwards given in good style, and the company separated at a late hour, after a cheerful and convivial evening.

BARNARD-CASTLE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

The fortnightly meeting of the Local Board of Health was held on Saturday last. Present—The Rev. G. Dugard (chairman) Messrs B. W. Gibson, J. Procter, J. Charlton, R. Lodge, T. Richardson, W. Raine, P. Dent, R. Teesdale, R. Dunn, and J. Garthwaite. A certificate, dated the 1st inst., from the Chairman of the Board, was read, certifying that he had conducted the Election in conformity with the statutes and Regulations relating thereto, and that Messrs O. Longstaff, jun., P. Dent, R. Dunn, T. Richardson, and the Rev. G. Dugard, were the persons elected for that part of the district not within Startforth Parish, and Messrs R. Teesdale and J. Garthwaite for the other part of the district. The new members who were present then made and signed the declaration required by the Public Health Act.

Mr Charlton moved and Mr Dunn seconded the appointment of the Rev. G. Dugard as Chairman for the ensuing year, which was carried unanimously. Mr Dugard, in taking the chair, briefly thanked the Board for the compliment they had paid him, and then read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed.

The following Committees were appointed. For Management of Highways and Streets:—Messrs R. Lodge, I. C. Cust, B. W. Gibson, and P. Dent. For Works and Finance:—Messrs O. Longstaff, jun., Charlton, Dunn, Richardson, W. Raine, W. Watson, jun., and Garthwaite. For Public Lights: Messrs J. D. Holmes, Dent, Charlton, Procter, and Teesdale. The Inspector's Committees were also appointed.

The Inspector, in answer to a question, reported that, since the issuing of the circulars to defaulting ratepayers, he had received and paid into the bank £55, and he thought he should be able to pay in another £50 by the next meeting of the Board. Mr Gibson thought that a list of those who were excused paying the rates should be made out by the Inspector, and produced to the Board; which was ordered to be done.

The Minute requesting Messrs Raine, Cust, and Charlton to investigate the cause of the scarcity of Water, was ordered to remain in force.

Mr Henry Gowland, who had been served with notice to put a water supply into the property belonging to him in Galgate, attended, and said that, as the property had already a good water supply, he ought not to be put to that expense; the tenant was leaving the house, and it was only to put him to expense that he had required the supply. The Chairman explained to Mr Gowland that, if the tenant required a supply of water, they were bound to compel him to furnish it, but the tenant would have to pay one-fourth of the cost: however, as the tenant was leaving the house, that ought to be considered. The Inspector: The other tenant told me that he also wished to have a supply into the house. Mr Gowland said they could not force him to put in a water supply when there was already a good supply. He did not care for the Act of Parliament, and rather than do it, he would expend the whole of his property. Mr Lodge thought it only proper that the notice should stand over till Mr Gowland had got another tenant into the house; but if the new tenant wished for a supply, then the notice ought to be enforced. It was agreed that the notice should stand over.

A letter from Mr Bayles, who had been served with notice to put water into the house occupied by Mr Phipps, was read, explaining that there was a supply of water in the yard, for the use of himself and tenant, and it would be an unnecessary expense to carry the piping into the houses, when the water was close to the back door. The Clerk was ordered to inform Mr Bayles that, under the circumstances, the notice would not be enforced.

An application from Mr Thos. Carnell, to put a new window into his shop, was referred to the Works' Committee.

An Agreement with Mr Richard Harrison, in which he stipulated to keep the street in repair from the road to his weighing machine, was produced and read. It was ordered that the seal of the Board be affixed, and the document signed by five members, which was done.

Mr Lodge said Mr Longstaff had enquired of him if the Startforth district could not be relieved of the District Rate? The Board were of opinion that it could not be done.

Mr Raine asked the Inspector if he knew how many water-closets had been converted into common privies on account of the scarcity of water? The Inspector said that two or three had threatened, but he believed that no one had yet done so. The Chairman: If they do, they must abide the consequences.

The return of Lodging Houses for the last month was produced and read.

A discussion then ensued as to the cause of the scarcity of Water, after which the Meeting broke up.

BARNARD CASTLE POLICE COURT.

April 3rd.—Before the Rev. G. DUGARD:—Jane Ragin, Copley Bent, charged with being drunk and disorderly, at Barnard Castle, on the 2nd inst. Fined 5s.—Mary Campbell, a tramp, charged with being drunk and disorderly, on the 2nd. inst. Reprimanded and discharged, on promising to leave the town.

G. KNOX. Supt.

STAINDROP STEEPLE CHASES.

The above steeple chases took place on Thursday last, the 3rd inst. The Stewards were Lieut. Col. Somerset, T. Hutchinson, Esq., and W. Scarth, Esq.; Clerk of the Course, Mr. Hobson; Judge, J. Trotter, Esq. The first was for a sweepstakes of 5 sovs. each, over 3 miles of fair hunting country, for horses that had been hunted with the foxhounds of this and the adjacent districts;—gentlemen riders. There were 9 entries. The riders were in their saddles, and the start was made punctually at 3 o'clock. The following was the result:—

1.—Mr. T. Hutchinson's g. g. Durham Port Wine
2.—Mr. W. T. Scarth's br. m. Plucky
3.—Mr. Hawkes's ch. g. The Huntsman

The Farmer's Plate, of 20 sovs., with a sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each added, was next contended for. There were 5 entries. The run ended as follows:—

1.—Mr. Robson's ch. g. Squire of Bensham
2.—Mr. W. Smith's b. g. Rambler
3.—Mr. T. Deighton's b. g. Monkton

A Pony Race then took place, for £5. There were 8 entries. The undernamed headed the list:—

1.—Mr. Dodd's b. pony, Postman
2.—Mr. Frank's b. pony, Winston
3.—Mr. Anderson's g. pony, Railway

A Second Pony Race, for £2, was then arranged, and terminated in the following manner:—

1.—Mr. Jackson's d. pony, Butcher
2.—Mr. Dowson's b. pony, Shildon
3.—Mr. Hartler's g. pony, German

Most unfavourable weather prevailed during the whole day, notwithstanding which there was a good muster of the sporting men of the district, whilst many hundreds of spectators had also gathered from all quarters. The rac s were well contested, and were of a spirited description. The decisions of the Stewards gave the greatest satisfaction. Refreshments on a liberal scale were provided at the mansion of E. Scarth, Esq., West Side House, and, as all were welcome, great numbers availed themselves of Mr. Scarth's hospitality, which the inclemency of the weather rendered doubly acceptable.

STAINDROP PETTY SESSIONS.

April 5th.—Before the Rev. H. C. LIPSCOMB;—Thomas Brunskill, of West Pits, tailor, charged by John Rendon, with deserting his apprenticeship. Reprimanded, and to go back to his master.—Sarah Dinsdale, of Cockfield, charged with using threatening language towards Elizabeth Richardson, at Cockfield, 29th ult., compromised, defendant to pay costs.—William Robson, of Evenwood, labourer, charged with assaulting William Welford, case dismissed.—William Robson, and Martha, his wife, charged with being drunk, and using threatening language towards William Peverell, of Evenwood, on the 27th ult. Fined 5s. each and costs.—John Richardson, of Cockfield, pitman, charged with assaulting Sarah Dinsdale, at Cockfield, on the 29th ult. Compromised, defendant to pay costs.—James Bainbridge, of Staindrop, labourer, charged by Sergeant Fenwick, with being drunk and disorderly, at Staindrop, 2nd inst. Fined 5s. and costs. Also charged with committing a breach of the peace, for which offence, he was bound over to keep the peace for the next 3 months, himself in £20. and one surety in £20., and to pay costs.

STAINDROP POLICE COURT.

April 1st, 1856.—Before the Rev. H. C. LIPSCOMB;—John Soloman, of Evenwood, pitman, charged with breaking into the dwelling-house of George Shaw, of Evenwood, on the 26th ult., and stealing therefrom, one sovereign, one half-sovereign, and 7s. 6d. in silver. Committed for trial at Sessions.

BIRTHS.

At Barnard Castle, on 1st inst., the wife of Mr. William Brownless, boot maker, of a daughter; 2nd, the wife of Mr. Benjamin Wade, quarryman, of a daughter.

At Lartington, March 29th, the wife of Mr. Robert Neesham, labourer, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

At the Register Office, Barnard Castle, 3rd inst., Mr. W. Lee to Miss J. Thompson, both of Barnard Castle.

At the Roman Catholic Chapel, Lartington, 5th inst., Mr. P. M'Donough to Miss O'Hara.

DEATHS.

At Barnard Castle, 3rd inst., John, son of Mr. Samuel Cardwell, plumber and glazier, aged 2 years; 6th, Joanna, daughter of Mr. James Barnes, Ostler; 7th, John, son of Jane Stockdale, aged 4 months.

At Lartington, 8th inst., Robert, infant son of Mr. Robert Neesham, labourer.

At Staindrop, 3rd inst., after a lingering illness, Mrs. Bradley, wife of Mr. Robert Bradley, painter, aged 47: same day, John Bradley, son of the above, aged 15 years; 4th, Mary, daughter of Mr. Francis Shephord, aged 20 years.