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The Band will appear in uniform. Should the weather prove unfavourable, the Concert will be held in one of the public rooms of the town, of which proper notice will be given.
PROGRAMME:

| PART 1. | | | PART 2. | | |
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| OVERTURE | Stradella | *Flotow* | SELECTION | La Muette di Portici | *Auber* |
| INTRO. et ARIA | Les Vêpres | *Verdi* | ARIA | Anna Bolena | *Donizetti* |
| WALZER | Gruss an Homburg | *Kuhner* | QUADRILLE | Bonnie Dundee | *D'Albert* |
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## MARKETS.

Newcastle, May 27th.—The supply of beef comprised 871 head; trade steady, at full rates. Number of sheep and lambs 5,480; demand in a sluggish state, prices ½d per pound lower for sheep. Lambs sold freely, at prices ranging from £1 to £1 10s. per head. Pigs in good demand. Prices —Beef, 5s to 8s per st. Sheep, 6½d to 7½d per lb.

Newcastle, Tuesday, May 27.—There was a large supply of Wheat from the growers, slowly at the rates of this day week. Fine English and best Holstein red brought 72s. to 73s., and Danish, 68s. to 71s. per qr. 504lb. In Rye there was little passing Barley for grinding was in more request. Malt enquired for. Beans held for rather more money. Peas very dull. Oats found buyers at more money. Flour dull, and 1s. per sack lower.

PALMER'S TRIAL.—A telegraphic despatch, forwarded to Darlington last night, states that Palmer has been found "Guilty," after a consultation by the Jury of three-quarters of an hour.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.
*Several communications are unavoidably held over.*

# Local and General News.

THURSDAY, THE 29TH INST.—We understand it is the wish of the Magistrates, that Thursday (to-morrow) be observed as a general holiday, and the shops and places of business closed. In connection with this subject, we are requested to announce that a Meeting of Tradesmen will be held in the Witham Testimonial, this evening, at seven o'clock.

A FEARLESS BIRD.—A water wag-tail has built its nest under a rail on the Darlington and Barnard Castle Railway, near Broomielaw, undisturbed by the frequent passage of an engine and train of waggons, and is now rearing a brood of young ones.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A CHILD.—A woman who has lately been begging in this locality, left her infant, on Monday last, in charge of a little girl, at a lodging-house in Bridgegate. The child slid from the arms of the girl, at the head of a steep flight of stairs, and fell to the bottom, sustaining such injuries as to cause its death in a few hours.

PROMENADE CONCERT.—As will be seen by announcement in another column, the fine band of the First Durham Militia intend giving a Grand Promenade Concert, in the Castle Garth, on Thursday (to-morrow) evening, at a merely nominal price of admission. During the past twelvemonths, this Band, by their performance in the streets and other public places, have afforded great pleasure to the inhabitants of Barnard Castle, who will now have an opportunity of displaying their gratitude, by liberally patronizing this farewell Concert of the Band.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.—On Friday, the 23rd inst., Mr. H. Procter, Veterinary Surgeon, of this town, on performing a very severe operation upon a horse belonging to G. Hawks, Esq., First Durham Militia, put him under the influence of chloroform, at the request of the owner, who was anxious to save a very valuable animal from unnecessary suffering. The horse was soon thrown into a state of insensibility, and bore the operation without the slightest symptom of pain. Mr. Hawks expresses in the highest terms his satisfaction at the skill and success with which the operation was performed. This fact in connection with veterinary science, we think deserving of record, as anything calculated to lessen the sufferings of so noble an animal as the horse, should not pass unnoticed.

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.—A Temperance meeting was held at Middleton-in-Teesdale, on the 23rd inst. Mr. James Chipchase, president. Mr. Smithard, of Derby, addressed the meeting in a humourous and energetic manner.—Another meeting was held at Eggleston, on the 26th, Mr. Jas. Chipchase opened the meeting, and called on Mr. Johnson, temperance missionary, Darlington, who was followed by Mr. Smithard. The latter gentleman spoke at great length, and sung some melodies in a beautiful manner.

The North Durham Militia, now mustering 223 officers and men, arrived at Durham on Friday from Burnley, in Lancashire, where the regiment had been stationed since it was removed from the county. The publicans will have to find accommodation for the regiment until it is disembodied.

Mr. Appleby, Morpeth Abbey Mills, has a sow which in three litters, during the last twelve months, has had fifty-nine pigs.—Mr. Ogg, Longhorsley, bought a ewe in 1848, and since then she has had the great number of twenty-three lambs.

On Thursday Afternoon, a boy named James Adams, in the employ of Mr. Thomas Stainton, founder, South Shields, had one of his eyes burnt out, besides being burnt in other parts of the face, by a quantity of red hot metal flying out of a furnace, while the men were in the act of tapping it.

The Lord Bishop of Durham has contributed £100 towards the erection of the new schools and school-master's house at Sleekburn, in connection with the Bedlington Colliery.

MURDER IN NEWCASTLE.—On the evening of Thursday the 15th inst., John Smith, labourer, died in the Newcastle Infirmary from the effects of a blow which had been given him by a fellow workman named Thomas Fothergill. The particulars of the case are as follows:—The deceased, whose parents reside in Norfolk, was about 24 years of age, and on Saturday afternoon the 3rd inst., was working as a labourer in a stone quarry belonging to Mr. Cant, in Elswick-lane, in the western part of Newcastle. The accused (Fothergill), who is about fifty years of age, and a powerful man, was working with him, and an Irishman named Michael Dunn was labouring in the quarry at the same time. Fothergill was working with a pick-axe, and the deceased was employed in wheeling away soil and material which Fothergill excavated. In the course of the work the deceased had, whether in jest or in earnest seems a matter of doubt, charged the prisoner, Fothergill, with being slow, or getting on very badly with his work. Statements of this kind had been exchanged between them; and it appears that Fothergill became exasperated, and when the deceased was wheeling away his barrow, he followed him with his pick-axe and struck him a violent blow on the head with it, from the effects of which the young man staggered and fell across the handles of his barrow. Yet when he was thus disabled, the prisoner struck him on the side, and fearing that Fothergill was going to strike the unfortunate man again, the other labourer (Dunn) ran up, took the pick-axe from Fothergill's hand, and separated the two men. Smith, from whose head blood was proceeding, lay a short time insensible; but afterwards rallied sufficiently to walk to his lodgings, though still unable to speak; and at his lodgings he wrote on a slate that he had been struck by a man with a pick-axe. His landlady subsequently had him taken to the Infirmary. He was found to be suffering from a severe fracture at the top of the skull, and an operation had to be performed, in which a small bone was taken from the wounded part. Little hopes were entertained of his recovery, and he lingered in pain till Thursday evening, at nine o'clock, when he expired.

DEATH BY A FALL FROM A PONY.—An inquest was held on the 15th inst., at Langdon Beck, Middleton, before Mr William Thornton, deputy-coroner, on the body of George Bainbridge, aged 10 years. On the previous Tuesday, a young woman named Sarah Beadle, had gone to the Fell to catch a pony, and while riding it home along the road to Langdon Beck, the deceased and another boy met her, and asked her to let them ride. She consented, and as soon as the boys mounted the pony, it set off in a trot and then cantered. They both fell off. The other boy was no worse, but the deceased on being taken up was quite insensible, and died almost immediately. There was a severe bruise on the right side of his forehead. The pony only had a halter on, and it is supposed it had taken fright at some horses passing along. Verdict—"Accidentally killed."

THE NEW HYDRAULIC CRANES recently erected on the platform of the new pier in the Arsenal at Woolwich by the Messrs. W. G. Armstrong and Co., of Newcastle, were on Monday morning tried for the first time, and were worked in a most satisfactory manner. The manner in which the process is carried out is remarkable, the whole apparatus being under the control of one man, who by means of the valve levers, which he holds in his hand, can either raise, lower, or slue the enormous weights suspended to the chains with great rapidity.

## SOUTH DURHAM MILITIA.

Yesterday (Tuesday) the 27th inst., this regiment, which has been quartered in Barnard Castle since the 22nd of December 1854, was disbanded. The regiment, at the time of its disembodiment, comprised nearly 600 rank and file, and was in an excellent state of discipline. Since the formation of the corps, in November 1852, but one death has occurred from disease, during the periods of training and embodiment, which speaks highly for the salubrity of the air of Barnard Castle. Two soldiers, however, have been drowned whilst bathing in the River Tees—the one in July 1853, the other in August of last year.

The officers of the regiment are—Colonel His Grace The Duke of Cleveland, K.G.; Lieut. Col. Somerset, C.B.; Major Grey; Capts. Maude, Haverfield, Cochrane, Fairles, Bowlby, Ord, Gales, Trotter, and Agnew (adjutant); Lieuts. Hawks, Atcheson, Sowerby, Egremont, Kipling (quartermaster), Chaytor, Smith, and Stone; Ensigns Legge, Fielding, Gales, and Sowerby; Paymaster Frend; Surgeon E. Nixon; Asst. Surg. Potts.

On Tuesday, the 20th inst., the regiment being drawn up on parade, Lieut. Col. SOMERSET spoke as follows:—"I read to you, a few weeks ago, the gracious commands of Her Majesty, expressing her praise and satisfaction at the soldierlike appearance of the regiments she inspected at Aldershott, and the general good conduct of the Militia throughout England. I received, a few days ago, an order from Lord Panmure for the disembodiment of this Regiment. I delayed making it known to you till to day, as I thought that, the notice being short, and work everywhere scarce till the commencement of the hay season, Government might (as in other instances) have postponed the disembodiment of the regiment. For these reasons I deferred communicating Lord Panmure and the Adjutant General's letters, signifying Her Majesty's pleasure that the South Durham be disembodied on the 27th inst. I need not remind you, as Englishmen and soldiers, that your first duty is to your Queen and country; and I have no doubt that whenever your support is again needed, you will be one of the first regiments to resume your arms, for the protection of all that is dear to Old England, as you were one of the first to volunteer for foreign service immediately on your embodiment. From the knowledge I have of your general conduct during the short time I have been in command of the Regiment, I have no fear of your behaving otherwise than as soldiers, and dispersing in a quiet and orderly manner: but, as there are many young soldiers and recruits among you, I would impress on your minds that any drunkenness or riot will be visited on the Regiment, by the forfeiture of that good name it has won during a service of eighteen months, among all the temptations incidental to men who have been so long in billets. I wish to mention that you will receive your pay to the day of disembodiment, and your bounty for this year, namely, 15s. 9d. Your arms, accoutrements, and new clothing are to be returned into store, with your knapsacks, and such of your kits as it is not absolutely necessary you should take with you. By a letter I received this morning, your Colonel, the Duke of Cleveland, has expressed his intention of being at Barnard Castle personally to take leave of his regiment previous to its disembodiment. For myself, I cannot conclude without thanking the officers and non-commissioned officers for the assistance they have at all times given me, and the men for their soldierlike behaviour while under my command. I cannot but feel a pride in the regiment, and am only sorry it has not been your fortune to be quartered where your military qualities would have been tested and appreciated."

On Monday, the men delivered in their arms, accoutrements, &c., at the stores; and, yesterday, they were paid the bounty to which they were entitled.

To the great regret of the whole regiment, the Duke of Cleveland, through illness, was unable to attend and take leave of them; but His Grace forwarded a letter, conveying his warmest regards towards the officers, non-commissioned officers and men, and stating that his best wishes would always accompany them.

## PRIVATE THEATRICALS.

Did you ever make a spectacle of yourself as an Actor? If you haven't take warning by me and don't. Undoubtedly, I've had a spell at it, or else I should know nothing about it. My failures arose from want of brass. I mean brass not considered as metaphorically meaning circulating medium, but rather as referring to brass as used synonymous with cheek, and if any of my readers should not know what cheek is synonymous with, I may tell them that it means, when used slangily —impudence.

My success as an actor, I am only speaking of amateurs now, failed for what many people have too much of and some too little; indeed a parallel might be drawn in that respect between impudence and money.

I don't admire impudence, but I absolutely envy an impudent fellow; I have no doubt but that the poet Cowper was not the only man whose want of assurance prevented his advancement.

A week or two ago how I envied a fellow's impudence; I visited a "Grand Performance" at a village inn. Bills had been out for a fortnight before the time. The principal actor was "from London." "Hamlet and his Father's Ghost" commenced the performance. How do you suppose Hamlet was dressed?—In a pair of dark trowsers and a white shirt with ribbons sewed to the elbows, and the front covered with patches of gilt paper. The Ghost came on in the approved white sheet style. Hamlet's Mother reminded me of a woman who kept a mangle and had operated on herself by mistake, her dress, on account I have no doubt of the hooks being mangled off opened behind and showed a pair of suspenders and a portion of a pair of breeks.

I was surprised at seeing any attempt at costume I paid my sixpence to hear a portion of a great play if not well acted, which indeed could hardly be expected in a village, at least well read. But if the costumes were ridiculous what was the acting? How I envied "Hamlet's" impudence. I can't describe the nonsensical trash that was roared. I was glad not one real word of the play was attempted, and what on earth the performance was I have not exactly made out. I believe however that few out of the audience having ever read Shakspeare, it all went down as part of the productions of our immortal bard. But the actor "from London"! What things might I have done had I only been favoured with even a modicum of the cheek he must have. Do you think that I, if nature had so favoured me, would have, solely through nervousness, made such an ass of myself, as I did, at the last meeting of the members of the Pea Soup Free Distribution Society. I am or was the Secretary. A vote of thanks to me was proposed, and I got so flurried that on getting up, instead of addressing them as "Ladies and Gentlemen" I began with "Warriors and Chiefs" being the commencement of a piece of poetry that my youngest brother has been learning for sometime. A general laugh rang in my ears, and the next day I Resigned the Secretaryship.

But I am wandering from my subject. Private Theatricals caused me trouble because I had not sufficient assurance, and whatever part I undertook I was sure to break down in, and get laughed at. I know others too who have come to vexatious annoyances thro' the same cause. I object to people laughing at me alone, therefore I will tell what happened to Smith. He prided himself on his success as an amateur, as well as on his power of captivating *les dames*.

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CAPTURE OF A WELL-KNOWN CHARACTER AS A POACHER.—On Wednesday sen., Mr Thomas Fenwick, gamekeeper to Bryan Burrell, Esq., of Broome Park, observed two poachers on the grounds of his employers, near Glen Lu, to whom he gave chase, and pursued them across Alnwick Moor, to Alnwick, a distance of several miles, where he succeeded in capturing and disarming one, who ultimately turned out to be the notorious Simm, who turned Queen's evidence at the trial of the persons concerned in the Matfen murder. He will be brought up at Whittingham for examination next month. Great credit is due to the keeper for his determination in the pursuit.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.—With the recent change in the weather, the wheat crop has wonderfully improved—it is now a good colour, strong in the blade, and looks exceedingly healthy. During the late cold east winds it suffered considerably, and will probably be rather thin on the ground. Oats have likewise improved in quality, whilst from the late rains beans have grown rapidly, and are now looking very healthy. In some late districts the planting of potatoes is scarcely finished—work having been retarded by the late rains, and it is only in rare instances where farmers have yet got their swede turnips sown. Grass has grown almost miraculously, and promises good crops. The weather up to yesterday—which was again cold and wet—has lately been all that could be desired.

## BIRTHS.

At Skeers, Middleton, on the 23rd inst., the wife of Mr G. Lowes, miner, of a daughter. At Beverby, on the 13th inst., the wife of Mr J. Scott, blacksmith, of a son.

At Hury, Baldersdale, on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr J. Ripling, of a son.

At West Pasture, Mickleton, on the 11th inst., the wife of Mr R. Forster, miner, of a daughter.

At Hanging Shaw, Forest and Frith, on the 29th ult., the wife of Mr J. Tallentire, miner, of a son.

## MARRIAGES.

At the Parish Church, Barnard Castle, on the 14th inst., Mr J. Macfarlane to Mrs Margaret Nesham; same day, Mr W. Addison to Miss Mary Hugginson; 24th, Mr William Taylor to Miss Ann Guy.

At the Register Office, Barnard Castle, on the 22nd inst., Mr J. Duncan to Mrs J. Minto, both of Barnard Castle; same day, Mr. M. Tara to Miss E. Raisbeck, both of Ettersgill, near Middleton; 24th, Mr T. Hopkins, of Cockfield, to Miss E. Howe, of Gainford; 27th, Mr J. Alderson, Bowes, to Miss H. Turner, Startforth.

At the Catholic Chapel, Lartington, Mr E. Hoggett to Miss A. Wappet, both of Rigg, Lartington.

## DEATHS.

At Barnard Castle, on the 21st inst., infant daughter of Mr J. Brass; 24th, Mrs Sarah Brass, aged 83, wife of Mr. J. Brass.

At Middleton, 21st, Martha, wife of Mr Ed. Hutchinson, Rose & Crown Inn, aged 44; much respected.

At North Shields, (at the house of his brother-in-law, Mr W. Embleton,) on the 26th inst., aged 43, Mr Joseph Gargett, late a compositor in the office of this paper, much respected.

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