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THE Teesdale Mercury. BARNARD CASTLE, AUG. 11th, 1888.

As a meeting of the Local Board of Health, held on Saturday last, the discussions on the Water Supply and the Board's Finances were resumed.

Of late years nothing has tended more to the improvement of provincial Bands, than the musical contests which have been got up at different places from time to time.

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LOCAL & GENERAL NEWS.

BARNARD CASTLE ANDOVERED MAGDALEN FAIR.—Great efforts, we understand, are making in order to render this year's Fair one of the first in the North of England.

WIGWORTH'S EXHIBITION OF ARTS.—As will be seen from advertisement, Messrs. Wigworth will shortly re-visit Barnard Castle.

HOUSE TAKING AT BARNARD CASTLE.—Mr. Alexander, of the Oldfield, has taken possession of the Railway Hotel, Barnard Castle, on Wednesday, the 4th inst., with great success.

THE FORTHCOMING HORTICULTURAL SHOW AND BAND CONTEST.

Reference to our advertising columns will show that the Barnard Castle Horticultural Society will not, this year, be behind their neighbours in catering for the amusement of the public.

STAINDROP PETTY SESSIONS, August 7th, 1888.

Before Colonel Maude. POULCHING.—Wetherell Kipling and Thomas McCleod, both of Eldon, Filton, were charged on the 1st of August with poulching, and being in the pursuit of game on the 7th of August.

THREATENING LANGUAGE.—William Lamb, of Cockfield, and Robert Brown, of Ingleton, Asa Collier, both old offenders, were charged with using abusive and threatening language to "poor old Joe Snowden," of Eveshow, on the 27th of August.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.—Brown was also further charged by P. C. Bosfield with being drunk and disorderly, on or about the 30th July. Fined 5s and costs.

SELLING LIQUOR DURING PROHIBITED HOURS.—John Richardson, of Cockfield, Innkeeper, charged by P. C. Bosfield with keeping his house open for the sale of beer during prohibited hours on Sunday, July 11. To pay 6s costs.

NEGLECTING DRIVING.—George Brunkill, of Eveshow Gate, was charged by P. C. Bosfield with neglecting to drive a horse and cart on the 14th July. Fined 5s and costs.

ASSAULT.—Thomas Harrison, Ass Collier, was charged with assaulting Jonathan Stevens, at Cockfield, on the 29th July. Case dismissed.

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THREATENING LANGUAGE.—Thomas Fletcher, of Staindrop, was charged by "little Jenny Bainbridge" with using threatening language, and that he dared not look out of his house for fear of him.

RETURNING TO PAY WAJES.—Charles Sutton, charged by Margaret Soudley with refusing to pay 27s due to her. Ordered to pay the wages, and the costs to be divided between them.

THE EDEN VALLEY RAILWAY.

On Wednesday last, the 4th inst., the first sod of this railway was laid at Appleby, by Lord Brougham. The day was brilliant, and it is thought at least 18,000 spectators were present.

The commencement of a new railway in any district, more especially if that railway be the first, is always a most interesting event.

BARNARD CASTLE LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

A meeting of the Board was held in the Witham Temple on Saturday (the 7th inst.)—Present: The Rev. G. Dagard (chairman), Messrs. Caut, Gibson, Dunn, Charlton, Longstaff, Richardson, Holmes, Lamb, Hilton, Watson, Brown and Lodge.

THE GREAT SEWERAGE CASE ON FIRST FOR DISCUSSION, and Mr. Charlton asked if it was to be regarded as public or private property?—Mr. Brown said it was private property.

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APPLICATION TO BUILD.—Mr. Wrathall's application, which had been referred to the Works Committee, was discussed.

WATER SUPPLY.—Mr. Lay (the clerk), reported that the works committee were planning a new scheme for the supply of Newgate.

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