

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Lord Bernard is confined to bed with a very bad cold. One estimate puts the number of Germans killed at the battle of Verdun at 45,000. Another report states that up to last Sunday the German losses, killed, wounded and prisoners, were 130,000.

The Urban Council.

THE OPERATION OF THE BYE-LAWS. The monthly meeting of this body was held on Thursday night, under the presidency of Mr J. Wiseman, J.P. There were also present Messrs R. Arrowsmith, T. Thompson, R. Woodhams, C. H. Ayley, F. Wilson, J. Guy, W. Hodgson, H. Walker, C. J. Smith, the Rev. E. W. H. V. Bircham, and Messrs J. I. Dawson (clerk), J. H. Vitch (assistant clerk), C. H. Welford, M.D. (medical officer), C. J. G. Martin (surveyor and inspector), and F. V. Ord (collector). The Clerk stated that nothing had been done in reference to flats-lane. He was waiting a reply.—The Works Committee reported that the Clerk had been requested to make application to the military authorities for payment for water supply.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] The continuation of the stormy weather is still causing a great deal of inconvenience to outdoor labour in Upper Teesdale. With the exception of hay harvests are having a very anxious time. There was a heavy snowfall on Saturday, and on several of the roads traffic was completely held up.

MR P. P. SLEEMAN'S LECTURE ON "FLIGHT."

Last Thursday night, under the auspices of the Barnard Castle Mechanics' Institution, Mr P. P. Sleeman, an assistant-master at the North Eastern County School, delivered an interesting lecture on "Flight." The Rev. F. G. Gatehouse presided, and there was a large audience. There was no gas for the lantern, but the lecturer began by demonstrating the principles of flight with paper gliders shaped like birds. These could be controlled in all directions by suitably bending portions of the wings and tail, and would "loop the loop" mainly historical, man has always felt a desire to fly, as witness the Norse legends. Leonardo da Vinci, was the first to study and describe scientifically the flight of birds, and deduce principles of mechanical flight. Lillenthal proved by experiment the impossibility of flapping flight. He traced the thoughts of his students towards gliding. The difficulty of steering the usual paper-based gas-bag produced the sausage-shaped type. A gas-bag with no frame-work took shape, and made steering bad if partially deflated. A Zeppelin, with aluminium frame-work and gas-bags inside the main cover, always kept shape, even when deflated completely. There was a difficulty of accurately aiming bombs, of firing guns from a Zeppelin, and of hitting a Zeppelin from the ground. Slides were shown, giving diagrams of balloons. A letter was received from Commander Pemberton-Billing, dealing with the progress of aviation and present-day situation, of which the following is an extract:—"The War Office received no political, but was not prepared at that moment to take up aviation as a military possibility. By this time Messrs Wright Brothers were exhibiting to the world the wonders of the heavier-than-air machines. Volcan Dumont was exciting admiration and approval of all those interested. In this country Cody and myself were endeavoring to persuade bits of canvas, string, bamboo, and bicycle engines into the air. Lord Northcliffe witnessed the development of these machines, and hurriedly commenced offering sums of money for the best flying machine to be won in competition races. In 1910, having spent all I could, I dropped out, but in 1913 took up the work again, being once more financially able to do so. I worked on until the outbreak of the war, steadily building and developing experimental flying machines. I have invented several of the heavier-than-air machines purposed for use in the war, but we are waiting, but until the inauguration of a national policy, little can be done. Our aerial service must be greater than the navy was in the past. There is an enormous future. We are no longer an island, and no longer isolated from the world, but every city lies upon the shore of the ocean of the air open to attack from hostile craft. Given an efficient air service, the Zeppelin horror would become a thing of the past." Slides showing gliding birds in characteristic attitudes, diagram slides, showing the difficulties of air currents with which birds and airmen have to contend; slides dealing with the mechanical side of the question, explaining the nature and action of the forces acting upon a body in the air; the Wright Brothers' experiments; some early aeroplanes; later types, including military machines; photographic slides, depicting aeroplanes performing difficult evolutions, including "grace-down flights," and further attempts to illustrate principles of the engine and the flight of a model aeroplane—were also commented upon.—Owing to the darkness of the evening, the lecture, entitled "Perance, Soilly, Isles, Torquay, Exmouth, etc." by Mr W. D. Dent, of Bishop Auckland, will commence to-morrow (Thursday), at 7 o'clock.

MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE RED CROSS WORKING PARTY.

To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." SIR.—Our many friends and helpers may be interested to learn that since October last, when a kindly printed a statement of our accounts, we have despatched several parcels of comforts for the soldiers to the County Depot at Durham, and to the Red Cross Society, besides sending Christmas presents to a very local men (at the front and in training), and supplying many who have been at home on furlough with socks, mufflers etc. The total number of items despatched amounts to 275, most of these being knitted garments, but the parcels sent to the Red Cross Society included pillows, operation stockings, old linen, and hot water bottle covers, all of which are constantly required at the hospitals. In October, at the request of the Parish Council, a sub-committee was formed, with Miss Howe as secretary, to collect a Penny Fund for the Red Cross Society, and as successful have our young collectors been that already £10 10s. has been paid to Mr J. I. Dawson, the district treasurer, the receipt of which has been duly acknowledged in the "Teesdale Mercury." In December Miss Benson and Miss Hunt collected the sum of £1 12s. 3d., which was devoted to the purchase of cigarettes to enclose in the parcels sent to Middleton men at Christmas. Messrs Howe and Watson have again kindly audited our accounts, which stand as follows:—Receipts, up to February 17th, £22 10s. 7d.; expenditure, £29 8s. 10d.; balance, £2 6s. 9d. This leaves a very small margin to continue our work, but already we hear of a movement being set on foot to replenish our coffers, in the shape of an auction sale, which we hope will be loyally supported. The need for help is greater than ever, and the demands on the Red Cross hospitals will, it is feared, be enormous. Our local men, too, are always most grateful for home-knitted socks, etc., which they had to be much superior in warmth and comfort to those supplied by the Government, and when we consider the sacrifices they are making for us we feel that we cannot do sufficient for them.—Yours very truly, JANE E. DENT, honorary secretary to the Red Cross Working Party, Middleton-in-Teesdale. The Grove, Middleton-in-Teesdale, February 28th, 1916.

Recruiting Notes.

GROUP NO. 1 CALLED UP. Attested Men. All single men of the first group, as well as those who have attained the age of 19 years, are now called up. All claims for exemption should be made within ten days from the date of the proclamation, namely, 25th February last, but may be made within ten days of the age of 19 being attained. Unattested Men: To-day Last Day for Appeal. Single men coming under the Military Service Act, being class one, are called up as they attain 19 years of age, but they must apply for exemption this day, as they will be 20 to-morrow (2nd March), the appointed day for the Act coming into force. Memoranda for Recruits. 1st March—Last day for lodging claims by unattested single men. 2nd March—Classes 1 to 12 called up (last day 17th March). 18th March—Groups 14 to 23 and classes 13 to 23 called up. Streatlam and Stainton War Relief Fund. The committee wish to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations to the above fund as the result of the house-to-house collection for February:—(a) Collected by Mrs Wright: Lady Glamis, 10s; Mr and Mrs Ralston, 10s; Mrs Sayer, 5s; Mr Allardice, 2s 6d; Mr H Bradley, 2s 6d; E. W. 4s; K. L. 1s; Miss Ansell, 2s; Miss A McQueen, 1s; Miss E Meredith, 2s; Mrs Green, 2s; Miss Simmonds, 1s; Mr Macdonald, 6d; Mr J McQueen, 1s; Mr P Langstaff, junior, 2s 6d; Messrs Metcalf, 2s; Mrs Langton, 1s; Mr McGovern, 1s; Mr H. 2s; Mrs R. Green, 1s 6d; Mr G Skelton, 1s 6d; Mr B Dodds, 5s. (b) Collected by Miss M Crockett: Mr J W Dawson, 1s; Mr Crockett, 2s 6d; Mr A Crockett, 2s; Mr G L Wilkin, 2s 6d; Mr Adams, 2s 6d; Mrs Swain, 1s; Mrs Walker, 1s; Mr W Wilson, 2s 6d. (c) Collected by Miss E Bewick: Mr Bewick, 4s; Miss Bewick, 2s 6d; Miss E Bewick, 1s 6d; Mr W Bewick, 2s; Mr R Bewick, 2s; Miss N Bewick, 6d; Mr G Rogerson, 1s; Mrs Rutter, 1s; Mr R Walton, 1s; Mr J S Bell, 6d; Mr M Longstaff, 6d; Mr J W Morton, 6d. (d) Collected by Miss J Langstaff: Mrs Robinson, 3s; Mr White, 3s; Miss Shaw, 2s; Mr Langstaff, Stainton Hill, 4s; Mr H Langstaff, 1s; Mrs E Langstaff, 2s; Mr J Shepherd, 6d. (e) Collected by Miss A Murray: Mrs J Peacock, 1s; Mr J Garbutt, 3d; Mrs E Lewis, 6d; Mrs Addison, 3d; M. W. 6d; Mr G Addison, 1s 6d; Mr J W Stoddart, 1s; Mr J. G. 1s; F. W. 5s; M. L. 1s; Mr R Murray, 2s; Mr A Taylor, 1s; Mr T Gibbon, 1s; Mr A Gibbon, 1s. (f) Collected by Miss Stous: Mr W Ralce, 6d; E. B. 6d; Mrs Dalton, 6d; Mrs Stour, 6d; Mr J W Stoddart, 1s; Mrs Skelton, 1s; Mr P Dawson, 6d; Mr G Lyles, 6d; Mr G Wilkinson, 1s; amount collected for the month, £28 8s. 4d. Death of Mr John Etherington Davis, Newsagent. Collector of Local Literary Records. The death took place on Monday morning, at seven o'clock, of Mr John Etherington Davis, newsagent, Bank, Barnard Castle, at the age of 67 years. The deceased gentleman had a paralytic seizure early on Thursday morning, the 17th of February, since which time he has been confined to bed. The paralysis deepened, and the speech centre was badly affected. The late Mr Davis was the last of his family. He served his apprenticeship at the "Teesdale Mercury" Office, and, with the exception of brief employment as a Librarian, never departed from his native town. In the town of his nativity, he was in many respects an interesting personage, being an ardent and historical collector of local family and institutional records, and his scrap books contain much valuable information. Like his father, the deceased used strong Parliamentary tones, and was a consistent life-long Congregationalist, which cause in earlier years he supported liberally. He never tasted alcohol, and never smoked a pipe of tobacco. It would be a pity to lose a man of such early boyhood was a diligent reader. Mr Davis was never married. He was intensely interested in local historical records, and was invariably very accurate as to dates. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon. Zemoline Skin Ointment is the Ointment with a 10 years' unimpaired reputation, 1/4 per jar, from Messrs' Drug Stores, the Zemoline Disp., Barnard Castle. BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS. Birth. WILSON.—On the 28th of February, 1916, at Wilmot-terrace, Barnard Castle, the wife of R. Wilson, of a daughter. Marriages. FOSTER: HETHERINGTON.—At Egglestone Parish Church (by licence), on February 26th, 1916, Private R. W. Foster, Canadian Engineer, Natalus, British Columbia, eldest son of Mr G. W. Foster, of West Hartlepool, to Elizabeth Mary, youngest daughter of Thomas, and the late Margaret Hetherington, of Egglestone. BALMORING: WATSON.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, Middleton-in-Teesdale, on February 22nd, 1916, by the Rev. W. F. Yates-Roker, S. Kipping Balmoring, of Hunter House, Kelson, to Violet, third daughter of John C. H. Watson, of Clover House, Burn Bank, Middleton-in-Teesdale. Deaths. DAVIS.—On February 28th, at 30, Bank, Barnard Castle, John E. Davis, aged 67 years.—To be interred on Tuesday, 2nd March, 10.30 a.m. for the Congregational Church. OLIVER.—At Remalick, on February 27th, 1916, Thomas Oliver, late of Lendings Mill, aged 74 years.—To be interred at Remalick, on Thursday, March 2nd, at 2 p.m. In Memoriam. BRADLEY.—In loving memory of Lucy, wife of George Bradley, who died at Laxington, on March 2nd, 1914. Christ will link the broken chain, When in heaven we meet again.—Ever remembered by her loving husband and family. SMILES.—In loving memory of my dear little son, Geo. W. J. Smiles, brigadier, Barnard Castle, who died on February 23rd, 1914, aged 13 weeks. There's a dear vacant place on my pillow, Where a sweet little face used to sleep; There were two pretty blue eyes, And the little pink nose beneath the dark mould, And the little-pink lip of my soother, when I have gone to a heavenly rest.—Ever remembered by his loving father and mother, grandma, grandpa, aunts Jenny and Lily Watson. HALL.—In loving memory of my dear sister, Josephine Hall, who died on March 2nd, 1915.—Ever remembered by her sister and brother-in-law and family. Return Thanks. MR AND MRS BIRD and the FAMILY of the LATE MR POWTON wish to thank all friends for kind expressions of sympathy shown to them in their sad bereavement.

The Malta Hospital Fund.

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge the gifts of articles from Mrs Wilson, the Grove, and the following subscriptions:—Mrs Merrett, Lonsdale, 2s 1s; Mr C. B. Martin; Mr J. R. Carnell, Albany, New York, U.S.A., 2s; Miss Carrell, Albany, New York, U.S.A., 2s; a friend, Albany, New York, U.S.A., 4s; previously acknowledged, £23 9s. 8d.; total, £20 14s. 8s.

Newbiggin Belgian Relief Fund.

The Secretary has received the following amounts for the collections made on the 5th of January and 14th of February, 1916:—Messrs Geo. Nixon, 2s 1d; Gib Collinson, 4s 3d; Jabez Gargate, 3s; J. W. Gibson, 15s 2d; Joshua Beadle, 5s 6d; Arthur Parment, 2s; Reg. Balobridge, 1s; Robt. Scott, 1s 9d; Jos. Beadle, 3s 6d; total, £1 10s 6d.

National Egg Collection for the Wounded.

During the month of February (four weeks) the following eggs have been collected by the children:—Mrs Scott, 1s; Annie Watson, 17 eggs and 8d; Angela Anderson, 3s 4d; Laura Wearmouth, 1s 1d; Esther Ireland, eight eggs and 2d; Florrie Wearmouth, 2s 7d; Mark Anderson, five eggs and 2d; Jos. W. Allison, three eggs and 1s 10d; Jos. Edmund Collinson, six eggs and 3d 1d; Wm. C. Wearmouth, 1s 7d; Harry Temple and A. Watson, 2s 2d; Wm. Robinson, 6d; Arnold Picking, 6s 2d; Joe. Edward Walton, nine eggs and 2d 0d; Harold Parment, 9d; John Hutchinson, 11d; total, 70 eggs and 2s 10d.

Death of Mr Thomas Oliver, Late of Lendings Mill.

The death took place on Sunday, at Remalick, at the age of 74 years, of Mr Thomas Oliver, late of Lendings Mill, where he resided for the long span of thirty-three years. He was a devoted and successful farmer, and for many years ago since which time he had lived in retirement. The late Mr Oliver, who was never married, has been confined to bed for twenty-four weeks, he having had a paralytic stroke last September. Dr. Beadle, of Middleton, was his medical attendant. The deceased gentleman was a trustee of the Bowes and Romalick Charity, and a juror of Middleton and Lendings Manor Court. The late Mr Oliver's brother (Mr Robert Addison Oliver) died at Remalick on the 10th of January, 1908, and both were sons of the late Mr. Funnell, and Mrs Mary Oliver, formerly of Cotherstone Mill. The family originated at Collingwood. The remains of Mr Thomas Oliver will be interred at Remalick to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon.

Memorial Service for Sergeant G. G. Waine, of Barnard Castle.

A memorial service was held on Sunday evening at the Primitive Methodist Church, Barnard Castle, in respect of Sergeant George Graham Waine, who was murdered in this journal last week, who was killed in action in France. The Rev. H. Lightfoot (pastor), who presided at the service, said there were many sad thoughts in connection with the terrible war, and the worst was when they reflected upon the many young men whose lives had been sacrificed. It was mournful to think that there was such sin in the world as had certainly been behind that war, and of the thousands of families who had been plunged into grief. Many young men who had entered the field of battle in response to the urgent call were once scholars of that Sunday school, and the roll-tidings had been received of one—Sergeant Waine—being killed in action about fourteen days ago, and who was but twenty-one years of age. Their sympathy went out to the mother, the father, and the family generally. The choir effectively rendered "Vital Spa 7," to the setting by Haywood.

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