

COMING VEGETABLE SHOWS.

The forthcoming exhibitions of allotment garden produce are reminiscent of by-gone horticultural shows in this neighbourhood. Cottage gardening is indicative of contentment, and is at all times whole-hearted to be encouraged.

An interesting descriptive letter has been received from Mr Butler, formerly in the National Provincial Bank of England at Barnard Castle, who is now at Bagdad.

Middleton-in-Teesdale Working Party (per Miss Dent) have forwarded a parcel of garments and other articles to Lady Anne Lambton's Durham County Work Depot.

Colonel B. W. L. McMahon, C.M.G., who was commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion Durham Light Infantry at the beginning of this war, in which he has won his Companionship, has been appointed Commandant of a School of Musketry.

Temp.-Capt. Lord G. H. L. Dundas, son of Colonel the Marquis of Zetland, of Aske Hall, near Richmond, has been appointed an Instructor at the Central Flying School, Royal Flying Corps.

Major-General Sir W. R. Marshall, who is connected with families well-known in Barnard Castle and other parts of Durham, was mentioned in Sir Stanley Maude's despatch on Thursday for special work in the Mesopotamian campaign.

At Bishop Auckland on Thursday, Messrs G. Tarn Bainbridge and Son offered the freehold farm known as Westgarth, near Butterknowle, containing 18 acres of meadow and pasture land.

Yesterday about four miles of pipes had been laid in the new track.

On Monday night, at a concert and dance in the Assembly Hall, Cockfield, Captain J. J. Bell-Irving, J.P., of Rokeby Park, presented a Military Medal to Sergeant T. M. Watson.

Captain H. Straker, M.F.H., of Hartforth Hall, commenced shooting on Cotherstone Moor on Thursday morning.

Dating from June 10th, Temporary Captain the Hon. C. W. Vane, second son of Lord and Lady Barnard, is gazetted Captain in the Westmoreland and Cumberland Yeomanry.

Owing to enforced residence in the south in the coming winter, in family health matters, Mrs H. L. Fife, of Staindrop House, finds it impossible to accept office on the Food Control Committee.

The death is announced, at the age of 28, of Lieutenant Buckley, son of Mr Mac Buckley, of Winsleigh, North Drive, St. Anne-on-the-Sea, and late a lessee of the sporting rights of Bowes Moor.

Mr Torbeck and Mr J. J. Bell-Irving and party shot about two hundred brace of grouse on the North (Bowes) Moor on Saturday.

During the violent gale on Saturday morning two of the marquees were blown down, and about two thousand dinner plates were smashed at Deerbolt Camp.

Mr R. P. Hett, of Headlam, shot over Lartington Moor on Saturday.

Next Friday a party of wounded soldiers will visit Greta Bridge under the direction of Mr J. J. Aubin, of Bishop Auckland.

Corporal R. Blenkinsopp, Private Dockrill and Private J. W. Coward, all of the Royal Engineers, arrived at Barnard Castle, last week, from France, on furlough, the party having motored from Darlington.

In connection with the Imperial Orders (War Work Honours), the Marchioness of Londonderry, founder of the Women's Legion, has had the distinction of Dame Commander of the British Empire conferred upon her.

The death is announced (suddenly and on active service) of Sir Nevil Gunter, Bart., who commanded the 3rd Battalion Alexandra Princess of Wales' Own Yorkshire Regiment (Richmond Special Reserve) while encamped at Deerbolt, and vacated the command last year on completion of his four years' term.

Mrs Knight, of Cotherstone, has just received the news that her husband, Regimental Police Sergt. C. Knight, has been awarded the Military Medal. Sergt. Knight fought in the Boer War for two years and nine months. Previous to joining the colours in 1916 he was Baldersdale district postman.

News has come to hand of the death in action in France of Private Percy Thornton, New Zealand Machine Gun Company, younger son of the late Mr George Thornton, formerly of Newgate, Barnard Castle, his elder and only brother being killed in action in France some months ago.

An urgent appeal is made by the National Egg Collection for the Wounded for money to purchase eggs for our wounded men in the base hospitals in France and Flanders.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The sad news that three local soldiers have been killed in action in France recently has been quite a gloom over Middleton. Private Ed. Bousfield, Lancashire, one of the first from the district to enlist when war broke out, and who was wounded on July 1st, 1916, was killed in a tank in the fighting on August 1st.

Excellent sport has been realised on Wemmergill Moors during last week, when Lord Rochdale and party, including Mr Clende Roc, Mr C. Parker, Major J. R. Aspinall, Mr C. Napper Lomax, Colonel Edmund Starke, Lieut. H. Roe, Mr C. E. Watson, Mr W. Pease, and Mr T. Harris, shot over 300 brace of grouse on Monday, 210 on Tuesday, and 140 on Thursday.

A meeting of the Agricultural Show Committee was held in Middleton Town Hall, on Saturday night, to arrange for another farmers' Red Cross sale. Mr J. W. Dent, Fair View, presided, and a good number of the committee were present.

A service was conducted in the Primitive Methodist Church, Middleton, on Sunday night, by the Rev. C. Pettler, in memory of Gunner C. Bainbridge, who was killed in action on the battlefield of France.

In spite of the inclemency of the weather the wounded soldiers from the Bishop Auckland Hospital, accompanied by their nurses, Private Newby, of Australia, now on leave in this country, and thirty-five of the boys from Eberley had an enjoyable trip by motor car to Egglestone on Friday last.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED AT EGGLESTONE.

Invalid 'Squire's Interest in Memorable Visit.

The Rev. H. Paynter-Bouse, the new minister, will preach in Galtgate Wesleyan Church on Sunday night.

Garden Party and Sale of Work at Cotherstone.

The Penrith Urban Council on Friday received the sanction of the Local Government Board to purchase 2,000 tons of coal, and store it for the benefit of the ratepayers when the pinch comes in winter.

Successful Barnard Castle Jockey in South Africa.

Local Butcher's View of Lord Rhondda's Meat Restrictions.

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The first delivery of this year's Yorkshire-grown wheat was made on Monday, at Malton.

DEATH AND FUNERAL OF AN OLD RURAL POSTMAN.

Mr F. W. Little, of Barnard Castle.

The death took place in Mill-lane, Richmond, on Friday, of Mr Francis William Little, a well-known member of an old local family, the deceased's forefathers having lived at the Abbey Bridge for many years.

TEESDALE GUARDIANS.

Mr John Smith, J.P., presided on Wednesday. On the suggestion of Miss Nixon, Miss Jane Dent, of the Grove Middleton, was added to the Ladies' Boarding-Out Committee.

Local Tradesmen's Association.

Early Closing for Winter Months.

The quarterly meeting of the Barnard Castle Tradesmen's Association was held on Friday night, under the chairmanship of the President (Mr G. Clarkson Barker).

Military Billiard Match.

A very pleasant little function was the outcome of a series of billiard games arranged for last Wednesday night, at the local Conservative Club, between the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the 16th York and Lancaster Regiment.

Table with columns for Officers and Non-Com. Officers, listing names and scores for a billiard match.

French Flag Day at Barnard Castle.

The street collection for the Red Cross, last Wednesday, realised the very satisfactory total of 242 17s.

EVERY WOMAN

Should send two stamps for our 32-page Illustrated Book containing valuable information how all irregularities and suppressions may be entirely avoided or removed by simple means.

MR PAUL BLANCHARD,

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WAR MEMENTOS AT THE MUSEUM.

An Attractive Collection.

The exhibition of War Mementos continues to excite great interest among visitors, who have been very numerous of late. Many additions have recently been made, among the most noticeable of which are articles collected personally by Lord Gainsford from the battlefields of France and Italy.

Military Concert in the Recreation Room.

Last Thursday night a very full audience were gratified at a concert given by soldiers of the York and Lancaster Regiment from Deerbolt Camp.

The Reform Bill and the Lords.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "TEESDALE MERCURY." SIR—With the adjournment of Parliament the Electoral Reform Bill is held over, a circumstance which allows time for reconsideration.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

WOODHEAD—August 21st, to Mr and Mrs William Woodhead (Ulloolst Agent Barnard Castle Division), Leyburn House, Crook, County Durham, a daughter.

BOYD.—On August 28th, at 19, Williamson-avenue, Dumbarston, Scotland, to Mr and Mrs P. W. Boyd, a daughter.

AINSLY.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Ainsley, who died on 28th August, 1916, aged 79 years.—Ever remembered by her sons and daughters.

EVANS.—In loving memory of Henry Charles Evans, who died August 27th, 1914.

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