

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The engagement is announced of Captain the Honourable R. F. Vane, 4th Battalion Durham Light Infantry, and Miss Kathleen Ayrin Mair, only child of Captain Gilbert Mair, N.Z.C. late Judge of the Native Land Court, New Zealand.

The marriage of Captain Chichester-Constable, D.S.O., Rifle Brigade, with Miss Hanly, was solemnised on Thursday at St. Mary's, Cadogan-street, by the Rev. Father Martindale, S.J., assisted by the Rev. S. Flanagan, chaplain at Burton.

Our readers will be glad to hear that Colonel Jeffries has sufficiently recovered to enable him to return to the front, where he is now in command of our 6th Durhams.

Mr Alexander Ullathorne, 13, Chichester-terrace, Brighton, late of Ullathorne, Hartridge and Co., leather merchants, Lincoln's Inn-fields, London, W.C., left £283,299.

Alderman Wooler, F.S.A., gave an entertaining address on the mysterious earthworks at Romaldkirk to the Darlington Naturalists' Field Club, the other night.

Mr Reginald Pease, of Sledwich Hall, speaking at a public meeting at Barnard Castle, suggested the loaning of money to the Government, without interest, until a period of six months after the war.

Lieutenant B. N. Wells, of the Old Manor House, Startforth, is on leave of absence for a week or two on account of injuriously affected fingers.

Sergeant E. Young, Ware-street, Barnard Castle, of the Durham Light Infantry, has arrived from France on a ten days' furlough.

The Rev. J. B. Robinson reports that last week 360 eggs were despatched for our wounded soldiers and sailors.

Corporal T. Blackett, Thorgate, Barnard Castle, of the Durham Light Infantry, who has been serving in France for 19 months, arrived on Sunday morning on a ten days' leave of absence.

The Hon. Mrs Amias Orde-Powlett, widow of the Hon. Amias Orde-Powlett, died on Wednesday at her residence, Thorney Hill, Spennithorne, at the advanced age of 87.

"The London Gazette" of Friday last announces that Miss Edith Arrowsmith, of the 1st Southern General Hospital, Edgbaston, has been awarded the Royal Red Cross.

Major the Marquis of Londonderry was gazetted on Thursday night acting lieutenant-colonel with the Household Cavalry.

Able-bodied Seaman F. Waite, Thorgate, Barnard Castle, of the Royal Navy, has been spending a short furlough at home.

Signaller James Ryder (Jimmy) Harris, son of Mr and Mrs James Harris, of Middlesbrough, and late of Barnard Castle, was killed in action in France on the 14th instant.

Yesterday, Mr Fred Raper, of Park House, received the news that his sister and her husband (Mr and Mrs Harry Boulby) had arrived at Plymouth, from New Zealand, having crossed the Atlantic by way of the Panama Canal.

Mr John Hillary, Scargill Lodge Farm, has a shearing which dropped a fine lamb on February 11th, which is very early for the district.

The Rev. W. Callender Wake, formerly of Barnard Castle, is now attracting large congregations in North London. The morning attendance at Union Church, Islington, is now about 600.

In connection with the allotment movement at Barnard Castle it has been decided to hold a general meeting to-morrow (Thursday) evening in the Council Chamber, Witham Hall, at 7 o'clock.

Regarding the reported invitation from Westminster Chapel, London, to Dr. Jowett, now ministering in New York, to accept the vacant pastorate in succession to Dr. Campbell Morgan, "Clubman" in the "Pall Mall Gazette" yesterday states that Mr Lloyd George has already written a letter to Dr. Jowett in support of the invitation.

Every effort taken to make the life of our soldiers at the front as interesting as possible has its reward, as is seen from the various letters received by their friends at home. Outdoor athletics, of course, form the principal attraction, including running, boxing, and football.

Mrs Jessie Noble Dixon, of The Mill House, Staindrop, Durham, widow, whose death took place on November 20th last, left property valued at £3,187 10s. 9d., with net personalty £2,767 4s. 8d.

The following are the names of officers, well known in Barnard Castle, who have been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered in connection with the war.

Two staff officers, arriving with the 3-34 train from Darlington, on Monday, inspected the capacity of the barracks at Barnard Castle.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Churchyard, Middleton, on Thursday, of Private Wm. Collinson, age 22 years, son of Mr and Mrs G. Collinson, Lane Side Farm, whose death took place at Ashington Volunteer Aid Detachment Hospital, on Monday, from pneumonia.

An effort was made last Wednesday evening for the funds of the Middleton Mechanics' Institute, when a whist drive and dances were held in the Institute.

A friendly billiard match was held in the Mechanics' Institute, Middleton, on Saturday night, between the home team and one representing Copley and Butterknowle, which resulted in the visitors winning by 5 points.

With the coming of fresh weather the arrival of the lapwing and golden plover were observed in Upper Teesdale during the early part of last week.

The Right Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P., spent last week-end at Middleton, being the guest of Mr R. W. Raine, J.P.

Sixteen applications have been made to the Middleton Parish Council for allotments. Negotiations have so far proved unsuccessful in acquiring suitable land.

Mr and Mrs W. Swinbank, High Skears, have received information that their son, W. W. Swinbank has been wounded in France and is in hospital.

Interesting Marriage at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Yesterday morning, at ten o'clock, a pretty wedding was solemnised in the Roman Catholic Church at Barnard Castle, the contracting parties being Private C. Shaw, of the Motor Transport, son of Mr and Mrs Shaw, Bishop Auckland, and Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jackson, of Town Pasture, Barnard Castle.

The Cream of the Meat is Shredded "ATORA" Beef Suet—best Beef Suet ready for use, with the indigestible skin, waste, and water removed.

Allotment Question (LOCAL).

DISCUSSION AT THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the members of the Barnard Castle Urban District Council was held on Thursday night. Mr E. J. Wilson, J.P., presided, and there were also present Messrs J. Wiseman, J. Guy, H. Walker, W. Hodgson, R. Woodbams, C. J. Smith, C. Hedley, the Rev. H. W. H. Braham, Messrs J. I. Dawson (clerk), J. H. Veitch (assistant clerk), C. H. Welford, M.D. (medical officer), C. J. G. Martin (inspector), and L. Simpson (surveyor).

Lord Barnard Re-Elected a Bowes Museum Trustee.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr O. S. Scott, Curator and Secretary of the Bowes Museum, setting forth that the expiration of five years of term of representative Trustee would take place on the 21st of March, Lord Barnard being the present Trustee.

In Search of Allotment Land: Mr R. T. Richardson Seen.

The Chairman submitted the report of the Allotments Committee (himself and Mr J. Guy). He said: The Committee interviewed Mr R. T. Richardson with a view of obtaining by arrangement the upper portion of a field opposite John-street end, and to the west of the footpath opposite the Starlings—87 on the ordnance survey—also the small field on the east side of the footpath—86 on the ordnance—both have been unable to come to any definite terms.

Mr Frank York Interviewed.

Mr York, Beaconsfield House, was next approached by the Committee with a view to securing the workhouse field, behind Victoria-terrace—41 on the ordnance—and, after discussion, the matter was left with Mr York for further consideration.

Communication with Dr. Mitchell.

In the meantime Dr. Mitchell was written to with a view to taking a portion only of the field in front of Victoria-terrace R. 1, failing satisfactory terms being made with Messrs Richardson and York. The matter was referred to Mr J. Hanby Holmes, solicitor, who was not disposed to come to some terms with the Committee, if suitable land could not be got elsewhere.

Mr York Again Seen.

The Committee thereupon interviewed Mr York again, and that gentleman maintained that, as this field was good meadow land, yielding a good crop annually, he would not receive anything like the compensation due to him under the scheme for cutting it up.

Mr Fife and the Auction Mart Company.

The Committee have had correspondence with Mr Fife and the Auction Mart Company with a view to obtaining half-an-acre of land on the Flatts Estate, or the Auction Mart field, to accommodate five applications for land in this district.

Mains Bottom Suggested.

In view of one application being before the Council from the Bank and Thorgate district, the Committee recommend that Lord Barnard's offer of the lower portion of the Demesnes be entertained, and that the Clerk be asked to write for terms, and, upon receipt of same, the Committee will go into the cost per allotment of opening this out for cultivators, and the price per allotment per annum be advertised in the "Teesdale Mercury," and all applications for same to be sent to Mr Dawson.

Interview With Mr John Smith, J.P.

The Committee interviewed Mr John Smith, J.P., with a view of obtaining the upper portion of Jackson's field, where the tennis court formerly was. This land will accommodate 12 holdings, but 50 yards of fencing would be required.

The Discussion.

The report was briefly reviewed, and the Clerk stated that Mr Fife had called upon him and made the statement that any arrangement for the occupation of land on the Flatts Estate would have to be made by the tenants, and it was agreed that the occupants of the cricket field be seen, and also other surrounding tenants.

should have them.—The Clerk: There will be an order in a few days where you can take any man's land.—The Vicar: The best thing we can do is to accept Mr York's offer.—The Chairman and Mr Hedley both said they would give Mr York £10 a year for it.—The question was generally referred back to the Council with power to act.

County Council and Seed Potatoes.

Adverse criticism on the action of the County Council declining to supply less than four tons of seed potatoes followed, and the proposal to take a ton of the excellent from trucks in passing—a sort of quantum meruit—was ruled to be rather near the deferential border line.—The Clerk was directed to write for a smaller quantity, offering to pay carriage.

Nursing Association.

FULL ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Mr C. B. Martin, J.P., on Eugenics.

The yearly meeting of the Barnard Castle and Startforth Nursing Association was held in the Dispensary on Friday night. Dr. Leishman presided over a large, deeply interested and influential gathering.

Observations.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report, and spoke in the highest terms of praise of the way in which the two nurses had carried out their duties. An unfortunate part of the provision made for instruction in infant welfare seemed to be the want of regular and full attendance of mothers, and so the benefits which might accrue were proportionately lost.

The Treasurer's Report.

and remarked that they had just a slight increase in their income over the previous year—£125 11s. 9d. against last year's £124 9s. 3d.—with an increased expenditure of £22 7s. 6d. which had been explained by Mr Martin.—The Chairman: On the whole the report is very satisfactory. The balance in hand has been slightly encroached upon, but, perhaps, that is not to be wondered in these days of increased cost, and the necessity of having to employ a temporary nurse as very considerably swollen the expenditure.

Alteration of Rules.

Miss Penderleith moved an alteration in the wording of rule twenty-one, which was seconded by Mrs H. C. Watson, as follows: "District collectors shall attend at least one of the monthly meetings," be changed to "District collectors shall attend at least one-half of the monthly meetings."—The proposal was accepted, and it was left to individual members to set up to it.

Election of President, Vice-Presidents and Officials.

—Mr J. I. Dawson moved, and Mr O. S. Scott seconded the re-election of the Countess of Strathmore as president, and the vice-presidents and officials, which was carried.—Mr Holmes moved the re-appointment of the executive committee, including members, and the filling of vacancies, in reference to which latter Mr Dent said Miss Headlam had resigned, and he proposed that Miss Rudd take her place as a vice-president.—Mr Richardson seconded the proposition of Mr Holmes, which was carried, as was also the motion of Mr Dent.—Mr Holmes, "off his own bat," suggested the issuing of post-cards conveying the meetings.—Mrs Wells and Mrs Douglas were elected to fill vacancies, and numerous votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

Zemoline Skin Ointment is the Ointment with a 10 years' non-failure reputation 1/4 per jar, from Mason's Drug Stores, the Zemoline Depot, Barnard Castle.

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The Police Court. GRETA BRIDGE.

Hooliganism in Teesdale Villages.

WEDNESDAY.—Before Mr John Smith (chairman), and Messrs S. E. Hogg, M. J. Dixon and E. Llogford.

Charge Against an Innkeeper Dismissed.

Dora Mary Woodhams, Boldron, Innkeeper, was charged with permitting drunkenness on her licensed premises at the George and Dragon, on the 17th of January.—Mr Dawson prosecuted for Major Bower, Chief Constable of the North Riding, and Mr J. W. B. Heslop defended.—Mr Dawson said it was for the defendant to show that she took such steps as would prevent drunkenness happening on her premises.—P.C. Renshaw said that on Saturday, the 17th of January, he went to Boldron to post notices on the church door, and heard a noise inside the George and Dragon Inn. After staying at the road-end fully ten minutes, and the noise continuing, witness went in at the front door, where he found four men standing squabbling. Elizabeth Chant was in charge of the house. One of the men seated in a chair rolled out of it, and pulled himself up by the chair. Witness put him on to a form, and charged the man with being drunk, in the presence of Elizabeth Chant, and the latter replied that she had stopped his tap. There was no drink on the table at the time. Witness gave evidence at the last court against this man, and he was convicted of drunkenness.—Cross-examined: It is not a fact that they were trying to get this man out of the house when I went in.—Mr Heslop submitted that there was neither connivance or negligence on the part of the police in charge, and Mr Justice Banks had ruled that reasonable time must be given a man to make up his mind to leave quietly, before being turned out.—Sarah Elizabeth Chant, who said her husband had been killed at the front some time ago, said she was in charge of the inn for her sister, the latter being engaged in nursing another sister at a distance. No drink was supplied to the man convicted of drunkenness, and they were trying to get him out of the house when the policeman came in.—Several witnesses were called for the defence, and all agreed that the man, who admittedly was intoxicated, had no drink on the premises.—The Chairman: We don't think there is sufficient evidence to prove that this man had had drink in this house.

"Off with his Head! So much for Buckingham!"

George Raine, postman, of Balder Cottage, charged Thomas Raine, mixer, of Egglestone (24), with assaulting John Raine, son of the complainant, at Romaldkirk, on the 3rd of February.—Mr Dawson appeared for the prosecution, and said hooliganism was too common in country districts, and the sole reason of proceedings being taken was to put a stop to this kind of thing, and the father of this young man deserved credit for doing it.—John Raine, of Rowland's Gill, railway clerk, said on the 3rd of February he had been home for the week-end, and on the Saturday night attended, with his people, an entertainment at Romaldkirk. After the amusement he was with two men called Coates and Matthews, and all were on the Cothersstone road, when the cap of witness was knocked off or thrown off by the defendant. Up to that time he had never exchanged a word with the man, nor had he ever seen him in his life before. Defendant then slapped his face, struck him two blows on the face, and one on the chest.—Edward Coates and Joseph Matthews gave corroborative evidence.—Sergeant Taylor was called, and said he struck a match but found no mark on complainant's face, though he was distressed. He, however, pointed to an injury to his lip. The officer had overtaken the defendant on the road to Egglestone, but he refused to give his name. As far as he could gather there was a feudish feeling between Egglestone and Cothersstone lad.—Defendant said he simply tipped complainant's hat off as they had done others, but the man, whom he just pushed in the chest, apparently did not care for the joke. He incidentally remarked that the title of one of the sketches was, "Off with his head!" and the spirit of Glastar had apparently caught on. O! memory of Richard III. Though the fist meant "so much for Buckingham," the milder operation was not even resented by the complainant, who naturally resented the ruthless removal of his title the agonies of a snowstorm.—Isaac Icton, Hill Top, Egglestone, heard complainant call defendant "a cock-eyed b—." No blows were struck. The man was only shoved.—Fred Simpson Raine and Thomas Patkin Raine gave evidence for the defence.—The Chairman said this sort of thing wanted putting down, and people must be protected in walking quietly on the roads. The defendant would be fined £2 including costs.

Church Mission Hall Entertainment.

A very pleasing entertainment was given in the above hall, at Barnard Castle, on Saturday evening. There was a full attendance to wind up another season's series of social gatherings. The Vicar presided. The following items were rendered in capital style:—Opening piece—quartet—Hall, smiling men—Mrs Penman, Mrs J. G. Willey, Mr R. Lamb and Mr Sliger; violin solo—Scandinavian dance—Master R. Collage; song—Take a pair of sparkling eyes—Mr Hemmaway; recitation—Ten miles in twenty minutes—Miss Kirtley; duet—Excelsior—Messrs R. Lamb and Sliger; song—The plumber—Mr F. Gill; quartette—Anchored—Mrs Penman, Mrs J. G. Willey, Mr R. Lamb and Mr Sliger; recitation—Miss Kirtley; song—My first wife—Mr F. Gill. Many thanks are due to the efforts of Mrs J. Franklin, the promoter, who also proved an efficient accompanist. The usual pie supper followed, and the singing of "God save the King" terminated the proceedings.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Roll of Honour. COLLINSON.—At the General Hospital, Rouen, France, Trooper John George Collinson, Household Battalion, eldest son of Joseph and J. A. Collinson, Coach and Horse Farm, Spital, aged 32 years.—Deeply regretted.

In Memoriam.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of Sergeant W. E. Johnson, who was killed in action on the 28th of February, 1916.—Ever remembered by his mother and brother, and Mrs Gibson and family.

BRADLEY.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Lucy, who died March 2nd, 1914.—"Gone, but not forgotten."