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THE STARTFORTH PREMIUM HORSE, "Cragie General," (17 1/2). ROUTE: Monday—Startforth, Bowes, Scar, Gill, Barrowham. Tuesday—Lerthington, Kirk, Egglestone, Marwood. Wednesday—Gill, Barrowham and Startforth. Afternoon—Haby Hotel, Barnard Castle. Thursday—Gill, Barrowham, Melsonby, Gillies, Hartley, Ravensworth (all night). Saturday—Dalton, Dalton, Dalton, Dalton (for night). Subject to alteration.

The Teesdale Mercury

BARNARD CASTLE, APRIL 24TH, 1918. THE BLACKEST DEVILRY IN THE WORLD'S HISTORY. It may be fairly assumed that Gibbon's History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire will be insignificant in the annals of the world's history...

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

The Rev. H. Straker, Vicar of Bowes, who is so much esteemed in the neighbourhood, has been appointed to the living of Kirby Ravensworth, vacant by the prebendary of the Rev. Henry Drakeford-Lewis. The living of Bowes is in the gift of the Bishop of Ripon.

Bailleul, round which locality severe fighting has been taking place on the Western battlefield, is a town in the French department of Nord, some eight miles south-west of Ypres. There are, however, several places in France bearing the name of Bailleul. The particular family of local fame, is known as Bailleul-Vimou, Vimou being part of Ponthieu in Lower Picardy, and is a little town a few miles south of Abbeville. On the high ground over the town is a wood, the "Bois de Bailleul," in which are grass-grown embankments and wide moats, marking the site of the castle of the Bailleuls. This estate remained in the family after the vast possessions in the Bailleul were forfeited, and it was here that John Bailleul, the erstwhile King of Scotland, spent the declining years of his life and where he died in 1314.

The opinion of Mr George Harrison on the subject of lambing in Leicester flocks is valuable. The noted Lincoln Leicester sheep breeder says: "The lambing season is now completed in my flock, which has been the best in all my fifty odd years' experience. The average of lambs living is two doubles to one single. No ewe has been lost, and very few lambs. The lambs have come healthy and strong, the ewes are in good condition and milk well, although roots and feeding stuffs are scarce. Grass has grown all the time, owing to the fine open winter and mild spring weather."

Corporal Riddell, of the Grenadier Guards, only son of Supt. Riddell, of Barnard Castle, who has been twice wounded, arrived in this town on Saturday night, having been discharged from the army. Mr and Mrs Riddell met the gallant soldier at the station.

Lieutenant Angus McPhail, son of the Rev. Peter McPhail, who will succeed the Rev. C. H. Lightfoot in the pastorate of the Primitive Methodist Church, Barnard Castle, in July, is, it is understood, a prisoner of war in Germany.

Captain G. H. B. Streetfield, Military Cross, of the Durham Light Infantry, and formerly of Barnard Castle, is officially reported wounded.

The Larlington Working Party have again sent a parcel containing one pair of socks and a five shillings order to each soldier from their district.

No news of any kind has been received from quite a number of local soldiers for more than a month, and their relatives and friends are increasingly anxious.

Police-constable Carter, who has been stationed at Bowes since December, will join the army at York, on Friday. Like other North Riding policemen, he is enlisting into the Foot Guards.

On a farm near Startforth three-and-a-half days' tractor ploughing has helped on cultivation work fully five weeks. The tractor has been working land for potatoes and turnips, and disc-harrowing is a capital preparatory operation.

A litter of pigs recently made 242 in Aberdeenshire, but this figure is not the largest that has been paid, and was easily eclipsed at a sale of middle whites in the York district, when a litter made no less than 265, and the sow realised £50, making a total of £105.

The fact has such local significance that numerous letters of sympathy have been received by Mr Thomas Robson, solicitor, Poekington, from past and present officers of the Yorkshire Regiment and Durham Light Infantry, on the death in action of his son, Lieutenant Colonel Frederick William Robson, Distinguished Service Order, Yorkshire Regiment, attached Durham Light Infantry. An officer of high rank writes: "Your son was a brilliant officer, and I foresee for him a great and noble career: he had enormous ability, command and courage. England has lost a fine soldier."

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

Deep sympathy is extended to Mr John Graham, of Bede-terrace, on the death of his eldest son, Major Austin Graham, who died from wounds on the 11th inst., while the news discloses the fact that Major Graham's youngest son, Lieut. Peter Graham, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, is reported missing also on April 11th. Major Graham, who was born at Barnard Castle, was in partnership with his brother Mr Tom Graham, as Graham Brothers, electrical engineers, Middlesbrough. He was second in command of his battalion, the Yorkshire Regiment, and went out with the Territorials as captain in the earliest days of the struggle, being gassed in 1915. Major Graham was talented, and even in boyhood was a fine exponent of dramatic art, while later, in his performances as "Jack Point," in the production of "Yeoman of the Guard," by the Middlesbrough Amateur Operatic Society, set a standard of artistic excellence which has never since been equalled.

Yesterday afternoon a confirmation service was held in Startforth Church by the Bishop of Richmond, who illustrated an address on the duties taken up by the eleven candidates by reference to Holman Hunt's well-known painting of "Our Lord knocking at the door, to hear the voice of the hymn: 'Lead, heavenly Father, lead us: Our Blest Redeemer' and 'We are soldiers of Christ.'" were sung. Canon Gough was present. Later in the day Dr Kilner held a similar service in Brighal Church.

Mr Rutherford, late works manager at the Bridge-end Flax Mill, has received official notice from the War Office, and also a field card from his son, Second-Lieutenant Harry Rutherford, notifying that he is a prisoner in Germany.

News has been received by Mr and Mrs Appleby, Bank, that their son, Private T. W. Appleby, West Yorks Regiment, has been admitted into a base hospital, wounded in his left side. In his letter he says he had a narrow escape, his cigarette case saving him. He is doing well.

Sergt. Cattamole, of Barnard Castle, is unofficially reported missing on the 22nd of March, his wife having received a notification to that effect. "What really has happened no one can tell in such a battle as has taken place, exhaustive inquiries having been made amongst the men of the battalion."

On Sunday afternoon a large gathering of teachers and friends assembled at the North Road Wesleyan Church, Darlington, when a memorial service was held in memory of the late Mr Joseph Redfern, who, for a great number of years, was closely connected with the Wesleyan Sunday School at North Road, he being one of the senior teachers up to the time of his death. Mr Redfern was a son of the late Mrs Redfern, of Egglestone, a family long and great esteem in that village. Mr Martin Parker referred to Mr Redfern's connection with Egglestone and the date.

We beg to draw the earnest and serious attention of our readers to the alterations in the passenger train service, as fully set out in an official advertisement in the preceding page. They are of a rather extensive nature, particularly on the main line, and are entirely due to the pressure of Government requirements. Our readers should note well the local train alterations. The pamphlet containing full particulars is obtainable at all North Eastern Railway booking offices.

GRETA BRIDGE POLICE COURT.

WEDNESDAY.—Before Messrs John Smith (presiding), M. J. Dixon, E. Lifford, S. E. Hogg, and Dr. Wolford. Contravening the Lighting Order, John Hall (77), farmer, Plinners' Cottage, Cotharston, was charged with neglecting to screen a light in his window at a quarter-past seven on the night of the 14th of March. P.O. Forster said he saw a very bright light in the direction of the house in question, and that he called and found a lighted lamp in front of the kitchen window, while Hall was sitting reading in a newspaper an account of an air raid on the previous night. Defendant pleaded guilty and said he was sorry. He had been overheard in trouble, he having buried his wife the previous Friday. They had a bill for every window, but he had forgotten to fix the screen in the kitchen window. A fine of 10s. inclusive was imposed. Arthur Lee (38), farm servant, was fined 2s. for neglecting to have front and rear lights on his bicycle at 10.25 on March 24th. P.O. Forster detected the offence on the road between Mickleton and Egglestone bridge, and he said both lamps were cold. Defendant said his front light was broken.

Amateur Gardeners and Allotment Rights. David Jones (48) and Thomas Higgins (50), co-owners, Barnard Castle, summoned each other for willful damage. Higgins complained that Jones damaged his garden fence and cabin on March 20th, and Jones accused Higgins of damaging his garden fence and some wire netting on the 28th of March. Both the allotments are at Startforth, and Jones said he never touched the cabin. Higgins claimed 2s. damage, and Jones asked his damage at 2s. Both the witnesses of Jones it appeared that there was a footpath in dispute. He said Higgins had destroyed his fence five times. Higgins denied having destroyed the fence, but only knocked it down. Mr Robert Fawcett Thompson, the landlord, gave evidence. He said that the footpath was on Jones' allotment, and not Higgins'. Unhappily Higgins had dug up his footpath, and now wanted to claim that of Jones. "It is Jones' land according to my letting," added witness. The Bench fined Higgins 2s. including costs, and the Chairman informed him that he had gone on land to which he had no right. The summons against Jones would be dismissed.

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UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.] The Foll Pony Stallion Show for Kirby Stephen, Appleby and Middleton-in-Teesdale districts was held at Kirby Stephen on Monday. The shows have been combined this year, and a large crowd of horse-breeders attended. The judges were Mr E. De Vere Irving, Shap, and Dr Gibson, Oton. The first prize for Appleby district was awarded to Gregory, the property of Mr John R. Jeph. Maudslayi; and for Middleton district the premier honors went to Mountain Ranger, owned by Mr J. Busey, Balderdale. This is the fifth year in succession that Mountain Ranger has won this premium, and this year will again travel Barnard Castle and Teesdale district as in other years. The award for Kirby Stephen district is to be left over for a selection to be made at Shap Show on May 4th. The duties of secretary were ably carried out by Mr F. W. Garnett, Windermere.

Reports have come to hand that quite a number of Teesdale ladies are in the custody lists received from France recently, among them being Private Fred Scott, son of Mr Jacob Scott, Langdon Beck, who has been killed in action; Corporal Isaac Allison, M.M., Mickleton; Private Isaac Lee, Holwick; Private Leonard Temple, Bowles, and Private Albert Dawson, Mickleton, wounded; Private Norman Lee, Hade, and Sapper J. W. Sedgewick, Mickleton, gassed; and Mrs Bilson, Holwick, has received official news that her husband, Private W. Bilson, has been missing since March 22nd.

The death book place at Middleton on Monday night week of Mr W. E. Walton, headmaster of Mickleton Common School, at the age of 52 years. Deceased, who was a native of Westgate, Weardale, came to Middleton about seven years ago from Rookhope, where he had been headmaster for over twenty years. He was a prominent Wesleyan and a most acceptable local preacher, whose services were always in great demand. At the time of his death he was one of the circuit stewards for the Teesdale district. The late Mr Walton took a keen interest in all pertaining to the welfare of the town, and was treasurer to the local hospital committee. It was after counting the money from the annual hospital effort last June that he had a paralytic seizure, and has been in failing health since, although of recent months he had so far improved as to be able to get down to school every day, until about a week ago, when he had another attack, from which he never recovered. He leaves a widow and daughter. The interment took place on Friday afternoon, when there was a large gathering of relatives and friends. The service was conducted in the Wesleyan Church by the Rev. E. G. Sandford, circuit minister, assisted by the Rev. E. G. Sandford, Barnard Castle, the Rev. F. G. Gabehouse, Darlington, and the Rev. W. Sumner (Baptist), Mickleton.

Mr W. Elliot, leader of the Middleton String Band, has received a letter from Private Thompson Pinkney, who before enlisting was a prominent member of the band, in which he expresses his feelings of regret while on his voyage to the east. Private Pinkney was on board the "Aragon" when it was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on December 30th. The ship sank in about twenty minutes, and after the boats were filled with the nurses the Captain gave the order, "Every man for himself." Private Pinkney, after being in the water for some time, was picked up by a swimmer, and is now quite safe in Palestine.

There was a poor show of cattle at the annual spring fair held at Middleton last Thursday, and not many buyers were present. The entire horse show, held in the afternoon, was not so largely attended as usual, and fewer animals were shown than in previous years. The property of Mr T. W. Bendie, Mickleton, came out in grand trim and looking as well as ever. It is a well known horse, having travelled the district for about twelve years, and proved a grand stock getter. "Weardale Buehlyrie" is a promising three-year-old Clydesdale, and is owned by Mr J. W. Dalton, Stanhope. It has good action, and has the Lion's Agribreeds' pedigree. "Brown York" is in every way likely to be a useful horse for the district. "Salisbury Victor," the baby home farm horse, is rising five years old, a beautiful black, with good action, capital legs and feet, and should prove useful to heavy horse breeders. Mr T. Gibson, Forcragh, showed his black entire, "Valance Humber," which is a typical dated pony. "Brown York" the property of Mr J. G. Bendie, Gask Farm, Mickleton, is a rich brown, rising two years old. It was bred by Mr J. G. Walton, Mickleton, from his noted mare, "Heather Lass."

The lambing season, which promised about a week ago to be very good, is likely to be greatly interfered with by the cold, heavy weather, and if it continues will be an anxious time for the hill-side stockmasters, as the season will be in full swing this week. By reports we hear that there is a great deal of milder weather owing to this season.

Amidst many manifestations of respect and esteem the remains of the late Private William Watson, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Watson, of Whitbridge, Mickleton, were laid to rest in the ancient burial ground of Laitkirk. Prior to the interment a service was held in the Primitive Methodist Church at Mickleton, at which the Rev. J. Hawkins, of Barnard Castle, officiated. The service was choral, and as the mourners entered Mr J. S. Watson, cousin of the deceased, played "O Rest in the Lord," and at the conclusion the "Dead March in Saul." The Rev. J. Hawkins spoke words of comfort to the relatives in a beautiful and choice address, in which he referred to the tragic occurrence and assured the bereaved of the heartfelt sympathy of all present. Three hymns were sung, "O, God our help in ages past," "There is no glory in heaven," and "Peace, perfect peace." After the service the large concourse slowly and reverently wended its way to Laitkirk, the place of sepulchre, where, on the hillside, overlooking a vast stretch of country, all that was mortal was committed to the grave. This mournful scene on Sunday will not soon be forgotten. The coffin was polished and with brass handles, and bore the following inscription: "William Watson, A.S.C., died 17th April, 1918, aged 20 years. Peace, perfect peace." Many floral tributes were received. The late Private Watson joined the colours about two years ago, and after serving in the Army Service Corps for some time, was sent to a London Military Hospital, where he died after much suffering, last Wednesday. His father and mother, and three sisters are left to mourn his loss.

PIG KEEPERS WHO WISH THEIR PIGS to pay should use as a Condition Thorley's Food for Cattle; keeps Pigs thrifty. Sold in Cases containing 50 packets 6s. (complete Cases) by Agents in all parts.

North-Eastern Railway Allotments and Instruction.

That the scheme of allotment gardens inaugurated by the North Eastern Railway Company some time ago for the growing of food at home has been so successfully successful is proved by the fact that at the present moment there are 11,621 one-sided gardens which are available to the public free of rent, in addition to 4,507 fenced allotments let at a nominal rent; if the gardens attached to railway cottages are included the number of allotments of one sort and another on the North-Eastern system reaches the large total of 20,000, apart from land let direct to local authorities for a similar purpose. For the furtherance of this effort in national interests, the Railway Company's Land Cultivation Committee have just published "The Allotment Year." The book contains a series of very helpful articles by Mr John How, of Darlington, who has a high reputation in the North of England as a practical grower and producer of new varieties of both flowers and vegetables, having gained no less than 6,000 prizes. Special features of the booklet are: (a) an ample and well-arranged index, which will enable the reader to ascertain at a glance with ease and rapidity the information regarding the aspect of allotment culture under the heading "potato"; are found no fewer than 42 separate references; and (b) a series of cookery recipes, which it is believed are being included in an allotment guide for the first time.

HOW I CURED CHRONIC PILES IN LESS THAN A WEEK.

Order says: "Merrill, the antiseptic and powerful healing agent physicians so often prescribe for various skin diseases, will also procure immediate relief from the trouble of piles, etc. Aside from operations, practically all methods of treating piles depend upon shrinking the swollen tissue with strong astringents, and as piles are primarily a state of blood congestion, such temporary expedients are totally wrong in principle. They may reduce the swelling for a few hours, but merely render the cure all the more difficult, since delaying proper treatment means constant irritation, sleeplessness, loss of energy and vitality, or even general nervous debility and focal breakdown. After I had suffered the misery of chronic piles almost constantly for several years, and tried every imaginable ointment, suppository, or other treatment without benefit, I finally consulted one of our greatest specialists in skin and rectal disorders. My case had become so complex and so far advanced that he feared an operation might be necessary, but as advised me to try the effects of Nemoila for three days. At the end of the three days I was free of all pain, and obviously well on the road to complete recovery. Within a week all symptoms of piles had completely disappeared. That was nearly a year ago, and they have never returned. I found Nemoila absolutely outstanding, non-painful, and amazingly soothing, cooling, and healing. It stimulates the local blood circulation, thereby dispersing all congestion; it being the reason it proves successful even when everything else fails. Any ointment can supply Nemoila at little cost, or easily obtain it if necessary, and every sufferer from piles of whatsoever kind should try before submitting to an operation. Operations for piles may often be prevented by the use of Nemoila in one application, merely to cause more rapid growth in the tissues. In my opinion, cutting is seldom necessary unless the disorder is neglected until it reaches an extremely advanced stage or causes tumor, etc.—W. R. N."

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Roll of Honour. HUGHES.—Killed in action, in France, on April 16th, Second-Lieut. J. W. Hughes, of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, eldest son of Mrs Hughes, of Darlington, aged 24 years. WATSON.—On March 24th, 1918, lost at sea, Junior Engineer T. W. Watson, R.N.R., of the Schoolhouse, Balderdale, the 23rd year of his age.—Deeply mourned.

WATSON.—Private William Watson, 180007, A.S.C., beloved and only son of Mr and Mrs J. Watson, of Whitbridge, Mickleton, who died in the 4th London General Hospital, April 17th, 1918.—Until the day dawns, and the shadows flee away. YOUNG.—Ernest, dearly beloved husband of Emma Young, aged 24, killed in action on March 26th, 1918.

Deaths.

BROWNLESS.—On the 21st inst., at 10, George-street, Barnard Castle, Annie Ellen, the beloved wife of Harry Brownless. To be interred on Thursday, April 25th, to leave residence at 2.15 p.m. Friends please accept this the only intimation. GREGORY.—On the 18th April, 1918, Frances Annie (May) Gregory, the beloved wife of Sergt. George Gregory, 6th Durham Light Infantry, of No. 6, John-street, Barnard Castle, aged 38. Was interred in St. Mary's Cemetery, on 22nd inst.

WATSON.—At Yaleside, Lower Pombury, Kent, on the 17th inst., Isabel a Carrae Torrance, wife of John Miller Watson, late of 8, Park-terrace, Barnard Castle.

In Memoriam. ALLISON.—In loving memory of Private Frederick Allison, of the 24th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, dearly beloved husband of Maria Allison, No. 41, Bridgegate, Barnard Castle, who was killed in action in France, on April 28th, 1917.

—Ever remembered by his loving wife and little one, also his mother, mother-in-law, brothers, and sisters-in-law. MORTON.—In loving memory of Joseph William Morton, of a Station-terrace, Middleton-in-Teesdale, who died April 16th, 1917. He was a brother, truly fond, a friend kind and true. A better brother never lived. The equals were but few. God knows how much we miss him. And when we see the leaves we shed, and whistles blown in on 21st, and when we see the date in the paper, we cannot claim our hearts, dear brother. Your face we cannot see; from from our sight but not our hearts. But we remember thee. —Ever remembered by his loving mother, sisters, brothers-in-law and nieces. Return Thanks.

MR AND MRS BROWN AND FAMILY, of No. 1, Bridge Inn Yard, Thornegate, wish to thank all friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and help extended to them in their sad bereavement.