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COTHERSTONE, near Barnard Castle.

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GEO. TARN BAINBRIDGE & SON,
AUCTIONEERS.

LOT 1.—All those Two Customary Freehold MEADOW FIELDS, called "Scalebury," situate at the West End of Cotherstone (separated by the North Eastern Railway Line and adjoining the Byre Lane), containing about 2 ACRES, now in the occupation of Mr Arthur T. Welburn, Chemist, Cotherstone.

Lot 2.

All that Customary Freehold GRASS FIELD, called "Short Butts," situate at the West End of Cotherstone (at the West End of the Byre Lane), containing 1½ ACRE, now in the occupation of Mr William Stobart, Joiner, Cotherstone.

The above Land is excellent quality, and in a good state of cultivation.

The Tenants will show the Fields.

For further particulars apply to the AUCTIONEERS, Darlington; or to
MESSRS HESLOP & YORK,
Solicitors, Barnard Castle.

STREET HEAD, STARTFORTH.

THOMAS ADDISON,

HAVING received instructions from the Executors of the late Joseph Allison, will Sell by Auction, on THURSDAY, 17TH JULY, 1919 the whole of his Valuable Household FURNITURE, namely: — Grandfather clock, kitchen press, 2 kitchen tables, writing desk, square table, with drop leaf; sofa, in leather; 5 kitchen chairs, large cupboard, small cupboard, round table, rocking chair, sewing machine, 4 iron bedsteads, 4 feather beds, oak dresser, chest of drawers, washstand and dressing table, washstand and dressing chest, swing mirror, quantity of pictures, carpets, towel rail, 3 chairs, table, easy chair, mahogany table, whatnot, brass kerb and fireirons, coal box, tidy, longsettle, mantel mirror, flour chest, wringing machine, 2 clothes horses, etc.

Sale at 2 p.m.

ARKENGARTHDALE, Yorkshire.

LEASEHOLD FARM FOR SALE.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, [at] the Buck Hotel, Reeth, on FRIDAY, 18TH JULY, 1919, at 3 p.m. o'clock (subject to such Conditions as will be then read).

EDWARD CHERRY, Auctioneer.

ALL that Leasehold FARM, known as "HIGH ESKLETH," situate in the Township of Arkengarthdale, in the North Riding [of th]e County of York, comprising Farm-house [and] Outbuildings, and several Closes of Land, [conta]ining in the whole 26 ACRES or thereabouts, as now in the occupation of Mr J. [...]son. Together with a Valuable Right of [...]rage on Arkengarthdale Moors.

The Purchaser will be required to take over [the] Heath-going Sheep at a valuation.

The Farm Buildings comprise Stable, Barn, [...], Hay Shed and other Erections.

The Tenant will show the property, and [fur]ther particulars may be obtained from the [AU]CTIONEER, Fremington, Richmond, Yorks; or
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Solicitors, Barnard Castle.

BOWES.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
[At] Mr Parkinson's Sale Rooms, Barnard Castle, in the County of Durham, on WEDNESDAY, 23RD JULY, 1919, at 3 p.m. in the Afternoon, subject to such Condition as will then be read.

Messers J. Parkinson & Sons,
AUCTIONEERS.

ALL that Freehold Message or DWELLING-HOUSE, known as "PROSPECT HOUSE," [sit]uate in the Main Street of the Village of [B]owes, in the North Riding of the County of [Y]ork, and now in the occupation of Miss [Hu]tchinson, as tenant. The house contains, [on] the ground floor, Two Sitting-rooms, Kitchen, [Pan]try, Two Store-rooms, and Wash-house; on [the] first floor, there are Five Bedrooms.

In the front is a Garden, and at the back a [Y]ard, with Coal-house, Stick-house, and [oth]er Conveniences.

The House, which is in good condition, is [Stone] Built, and occupies a good central [pos]ition in Bowes.

Further particulars may be obtained from [the] AUCTIONEERS, Barnard Castle; or
MESSRS W. J. & H. C. WATSON,
Solicitors, Barnard Castle.

BARNARD CASTLE.

VALUABLE HOUSES FOR SALE.

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Messrs Geo. Tarn Bainbridge & Son,
AUCTIONEERS.

LOT 1.—All that Freehold Message or DWELLING-HOUSE, situate in and being [No.] 8, CORONATION STREET, Barnard Castle [af]oresaid, now in the occupation of Mr James [...]yfield.

The House contains Sitting-room, Kitchen, [Sc]ullery and Pantry on the ground floor; [ups]tairs there are Three Good Bedrooms and [L]arge Attic. Behind the house is a good-sized [Ya]rd, with Stick-house, Coal-house and other [Conv]eniences.

Lot 2.

[All] that Freehold Message or DWELLING-[HOU]SE, situate in and being No. 21, CORONATION STREET, Barnard Castle aforesaid, now [in] the occupation of Mr J. H. P. Hunbridge. [T]he House contains Sitting-room, Kitchen, [Sc]ullery and Pantry, and Two Bedrooms. [Beh]ind is a Yard with the usual Conveniences.

The Houses, which are Stone Built, are [com]modious and in an excellent state of repair. They are situate in the upper part of the [T]own of Barnard Castle, and close to the [Ra]ilway Station.

The Tenants will kindly permit the premises [t]o be viewed on application, and further [pa]rticulars may be obtained from the AUCTIONEERS, Darlington; or
MESSRS W. J. & H. C. WATSON,
Solicitors, Barnard Castle.

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LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

LIEUT. W. TODD, who is quartered at Aldershot, and Mrs Todd, are spending a few days at Fair View, Barningham, the residence of the gallant officer's mother. Lieut. Todd has done his duty nobly and well, and is in the pink of health.

THE offertory at the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, for St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers, amounted to £17 8s 5d. The offertories for the day totalled £25 11s 11d.

THE Financial Secretary of the Royal Victoria Infirmary acknowledges with thanks £45 4s 10d, being division of proceeds from the Middleton-in-Teesdale Hospital Demonstration per Mr Robert W. Blenkinsop, the honorary secretary.

THE Egglestone and Romaldkirk Nursing Association has placed on record its sorrow at the death of Mrs Helmer, who had been treasurer of the association since its foundation.

YESTERDAY Mr Dockrill left Barnard Castle for Redruth, Cornwall, and the local office is now in charge of Mr George Ruff, of the York Post Office, no permanent successor having yet been appointed.

REDRUTH is on the great road from Truro to Penzance, 262¾ miles W.S.W. from London, Barnard Castle being 244 miles N.N.W. from the metropolis.

A PEREGRINE (hen) falcon has been taken in Teesdale.

MR CROWTHER has been appointed verger at Barningham Church.

THE winner of the "Newdegate Prize Poem, 1919," is an officer in the 6th Battalion Durham Light Infantry—P. H. S. Lyon.

LAST week Mr and Mrs Thomas Ireland and family left this town to take up their new residence recently bought by them, near Romaldkirk.

REV. W. CALLENDER WAKE is engaged to preach at Hall-street Congregational Church on August 17th and 24th.

"PRESENTED to Miss Metcalfe on the occasion of her marriage, June 12, 1919, by the members of Barningham Church Choir," is the inscription on a solid silver tea caddy given to Mrs Fenwick, who for three years was a voluntary organist at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

WE are asked to state, in reference to the official advertisement in another column, requiring lists of names for Peace Day festivities, that those who do not respond at once cannot possibly receive an invitation, because there is no other list whatever to guide the promoters.

THERE are four cases at the police court this morning—two for disorderly conduct, and the remainder for riding a motor cycle and side car without front or rear lights.

EARLE's Industrial School from Durham are to encamp in Deerbolt Park.

OVER two hundred years ago thieves sometimes reaped a rich harvest at Barnard Castle, though they received an exemplary punishment, as the following extract from the Court Roll fully testifies:—"August 2nd, 1710. Richard Simpson, of Barnard Castle, for stealing from the dwelling-house of Michael Pudsey, merchant, of the same place, a silver tankard, value £4, six silver table spoons, two pairs of silver cockspurs, a silver chain, two silver seals, nineteen yards of silver lace, six laced cravats, and £10 in money—Guilty—to be branded in the left hand."

FEW bridges have a record equal to the massive structive which spans the Tees in this town. It was completed in the year of the Great Northern Rebellion, 1569, in the days of "Good Queen Bess," and it is not unlikely that the brave knight and his garrison, when they came forth "with drums beating and colours flying," crossed this bridge on their march towards York. On Tuesday, October 24th, 1648, Oliver Cromwell crossed this bridge on his way to Richmond. In February, 1685, His Majesty James the Second was proclaimed on the bridge, he being in possession of a hunting seat at High Shipley. In 1745, a division of the royal forces, marching from the west, to join the main army, then in pursuit of the "Young Pretender," crossed this county bridge, and about the year 1760, a small house stood in the centre of the bridge, tenanted by Cuthbert Hilton. In the Great Flood of 1771, the bridge was overflowed. After the proclamation of "club law," on fair days, the bridge was the arena of many a fierce combat between the "sons of the pick" (Teesdale lead miners), and the "poor silly weavers," as they called each other in derision. In the winter of 1814, the Tees was frozen over to an immense thickness, and cooking operations were conducted in the open air. The Rev. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was driven ignominiously over this bridge into Yorkshire by an infuriated rabble. Over seventy years ago the bridge became the scene of an appalling tragedy, which was only supplementary to a still more dreadful deed perpetrated on the same night, at a short distance on the Yorkshire side of the river.

PEACE OBSERVANCES AT THE CHURCHES.

St Mary's Packed: The Praying Widow Better than the Ungodly Crack Shot.

Sunday last was observed as Thanksgiving day in the local churches. The Vicar of Barnard Castle worked wholeheartedly in the movement, and the result was that a crowded church entered devotionally into a memorable religious observance In the chancel were the colours of the 4th (Special Reserve) Durham Light Infantry. A procession was formed in the Horse-market and Galgate, which moved in the following order to St. Mary's:—Bugle band and platoon of the North Eastern County Schools' Officers' Training Corps; demobilised soldiers, girl guides, boy scouts, fire brigade, under the command of Mr Martin (captain); special constables, clergy and officers of the parish church: Clerk, Chairman and ex-Chairman of the Urban Council; members of the Board of Guardians, magistrates, members of the legal, medical and banking professions, public committees and officials, ex-members of the Council, police contingent, under Supt. Riddell, representative associations, and the general public. Major Franks and several officers of the 16th York and Lancaster Regiment attended the service, the form of which was by His Majesty's special command, on the signing of the Treaty of Peace, the prayers being comprehensive and heart-searching. "Rule Britannia" and "The flowers of the forest" were played as voluntaries by Mr Raper, the talented organist, and the Vicar read the lessons and preached the sermon. The Rev. W. B. Blackett, senior curate, conducted the service, and the Rev. H. H. Peck impressively read the concluding prayers. The hymns were, "Through all the changing scenes of life" (N. Tate and N. Brady), "God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year," and "Now thank we all our God" (M. Rinchart, translated by Catherine Winkworth). The national anthem was sung at the close.

VICAR ACCEPTS "SEPTUAGINT" RENDERING OF PSALMIST'S EXHORTATION.

The Preacher most earnestly discoursed from the 12th verse of the 66th Psalm: "We went through fire and through water, but Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place." He said with all sincerity that every word of his text fit exactly the circumstances of the hour. In the "Septuagint," however—the version in Hellenistic Greek of the Old Testament, said to have been made by seventy-two translators at Alexandria, by command of Ptolemy Philadelphus—the Vicar said the word "wealthy" in the text was perhaps more appropriately translated "joyful." Talk about outgrowing the bible in these days of so-called civilization and science, why they would all do well to follow the example of our King, and read a portion of the blessed book every day, in accordance with a promise made to his mother. Fire and water were metaphors of trouble of all kinds, as, indeed, they were emblematic of purification: and some of them had been called upon by an unscrupulous enemy to lose those whom they had loved even better than themselves. The fear of invasion and the scarcity of food had, to many thousands of poor people, been of the nature of the passing through the fire and water prefigured, while during the last four-and-a-half years their whole lives had been full of anxiety. But at the end of untold vicissitudes God had brought them into a joyful place, and delivered them from their troubles, and their hearts had not for long been so full of gladness as they were that morning, when gathered in God's house to offer thanksgiving for having given them victory over their powerful enemies. God's interposition on the side of righteousness had been marked in the progress of the war, now crowned with complete victory, and the originator of the foul plot was a fugitive awaiting trial. Therefore he asked them not to set themselves on a judgment seat and arraign the Almighty, but to remember that a poor widow who loved God with all her heart was better than an ungodly soldier who was a crack shot. God had indeed spared England, and given us conquest because there were many devout, godly and praying people in this country, and because of the righteousness of their cause, and it was in no spirit of arrogance that they now thanked Almighty God for the deliverance, and that through His gracious mercy they could retain their freedom and their civilization.

Rev. R. Lang at the Wesleyan Church.

Repression of the Self-Seeking Instinct.

Discoursing in the Wesleyan Church on Sunday morning, the Rev. Robinson Lang said: By the grace and favour of Almighty God, the greatest war in history has come to an end. Peace and victory have been given on a scale which has transcended our prayers. What becomes us at such a time is thanksgiving—thanksgiving to God and men. Fittingly—by Royal Proclamation—this 6th day of July is observed throughout our dominions as a day of general thanksgiving for the great goodness of God in giving us this victory. In a great and common act of worship the nation is called to solemn thanksgiving, a believing sorrow and a new trust in God. We have come through terrible times. None of us dreamed of the demands that would be made upon us. We have experienced the extremes of disaster and success, of threatened defeat and consummate victory. Again and again we have been on the verge of defeat. Three times at least we were in danger—imminent danger—of losing all. Again and again we have witnessed the interposition of the wise and merciful Providence which has enlightened our counsels and blessed our arms. By the good hand of our God upon us, and through a long series of what can only be described as miracles, the end has come in triumph. At the long last we have been led out into the wealthy place of peace and opportunity, of achievement and victory. The sacrifices have been heavy. We have paid to the uttermost in blood and treasure, but, remember, we had everything at stake. If our enemies and those who sought our hurt had been victorious, all joy and hope would have vanished, the world would have been turned into a wilderness, and civilization would have been replaced by anarchy. Thus have we been, by the mercy and help of God, victorious, and though the price of victory has to be paid, what is it compared with the price of defeat! The flag is flying: the tyrant is broken. God has not forsaken us, and the things that cannot be shaken shall remain. Whatever may be before us in the future, whatever our domestic disputes may be, whatever difficulties there may be —and there will be great difficulties—in establishing and securing the reign of peace and universal brotherhood, we may face the future with confidence and with high hearts. The way to a cleansed and ennobled world is made possible. We are building a new temple of humanity, and for this, on this day, in one great and common act of worship, with all the citizens of our empire, with glad hearts we thank God. The preacher pleaded for a greater simplicity of life as one of the essentials of the future, and added: The real supplies of life, the life to which the material points—the life of the feelings, the life of the intellect, the life of the spirit, with all that makes them full and rich and pleasurable—are not far away, and if we could realise this, acknowledge it and act in accordance, how blessed our life would be. The hope of social reform is in the humiliation, disdaining and repressing of the self-seeking instinct. So will the nation, the church and the individual find the "good part," which shall not be taken away.—A printed order of service was used, and the roll of the gallant dead, totalling 19 names, was read. Miss Smith and Mr W. H. Clough, of Blyth, rendered most acceptable and efficient service as vocalists. There was a large congregation, and the service concluded with the doxology, the national anthem and the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Inspection of Girl Guides at Romaldkirk.

An inspection of the Teesdale Division of Girl Guides was held at Romaldkirk on Saturday last, when the following companies took part:—Middleton (56th Durhams), Mickleton (43rd) Durhams). Romaldkirk (1st Durhams), Barnard Castle (12th Durhams) and Evenwood, whilst the Lartington Guides were present as visitors. Promptly at 3 p.m the Guides were formed up in Mrs Hugginson's garden, by their captains, namely, Miss Hyslop, Middleton; Miss A. C. Mills, Mickleton; Mrs Addison, Romaldkirk: Miss Smith, Barnard Castle; Miss Moore, Evenwood; and Mrs Field, Lartington. The Hon. K. Liddle, Divisional Commissioner for Gateshead, accompanied by Mrs Addison, Divisional Commissioner for Teesdale; Mrs Field, Divisional Commissioner for North Yorkshire; and Miss A. O. Mills, staff captain, then proceeded to inspect the Guides, who looked extremely smart and workmanlike as they stood to attention. A noticeable feature was the number of Brownies present. When the inspection was over, the Guides formed a hollow square round the Hon. K. Liddell, who gave a most interesting address on patriotism, presented badges, and enrolled the patrol leaders of the new Evenwood company. The Barnard Castle Brownies entertained the visitors with "The Brownie Song," whilst Lartington gave a demonstration of Morse signalling, and Mickleton and Romaldkirk of triangular and roller bandaging. It is understood that the Barnard Castle and Middleton companies had also prepared entertainments which they were unable to give owing to the pressure of time due to the difficulties of the train service. Visitors present were the Rev. S. G. Beal and Miss Beal, Capt. Beal. C.M.G., Mr and Mrs Bourne, the Rev J. W. Brent, Mrs Ingram Dawson, Mrs Dent, Capt. and Mrs Roy Helmer, the Misses Kipling, Mrs and Miss M. Mills, Mrs Tugman and Colonel and Mrs Watson. Shortly after four o'clock the Guides proceeded to the village school-room, where tea was kindly provided for them by Mrs Hugginson and Mrs Addison. After this they ran races until it was time for them to form up and march to the station. The Guides are to be congratulated on the way in which the inspection was organised and carried out. The whole programme went smoothly and without a hitch, and all the visitors had a most enjoyable afternoon. The exhibition of work (two stalls), including baskets and needlework, deserves special praise. The movement is a splendid one, and it is encouraging to know that it is receiving such hearty support in the district.

Sir Douglas Haig Thanks Our Regiment.

Lieut.-Colonel K. J. W. Leather, 4th Reserve Battalion Durham Light Infantry, Seaham, has received the following complimentary letter from Sir Douglas Haig:—"G.H.Q., The Force in Great Britain, Horse Guards, London, S.W.1, 24th June, 1919. Dear Colonel Leather,—I write to you on the occasion of the demobilisation of your battalion to express my warm appreciation of the work done by the 4th Reserve Battalion Durham Light Infantry since mobilisation. The high standard of the drafts sent overseas by your battalion, due to the hard work of all concerned, contributed materially to the splendid achievements of the battalion which fought under my command. Will you please convey to all who have served in your battalion my high appreciation of their work in the past, and my most hearty thanks for the splendid service which they have rendered during the late war?—Believe me, yours sincerely (signed), D. HAIG, Field Marshall, Commanding-in-Chief the Forces in Great Britain."

Presentation to Mr and Mrs Dockrill.

Pleasing Interlude at the Post Office.

Last Thursday night the postal staff at Barnard Castle assembled in force to hand to Mr and Mrs Dockrill, who are leaving the town to take up a better appointment in Cornwall, a lovely silver Queen Anne tea set (Greenwich House), as a m[ark] of their respect and esteem. Mr John Blenkinsopp, the senior letter-carrier, made suitable allusion to the interesting occasion, and to the esteem in which the recipients were held; and then called upon Mr George Burt to make the presentation. In the course of his remarks Mr Burt commented on the loss of such a valuable postal official as their esteemed friend Mr Dockrill, and what would prove to be the gain of Redruth would certainly be the loss of Barnard Castle. All joined in wishing Mr and Mrs Dockrill health, wealth and happiness.—Mr Dockrill very suitably responded, and thanked all for their kindness and thoughts, which he would never forget.—A very pleasant evening terminated with the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow," and with three lusty, hearty and reverberating cheers for Mr and Mrs Dockrill. A letter was read from Miss Foster expressing her inability through indisposition to be present, but testifying to the many excellent qualities of Mr and Mrs Dockrill.

Miss J. Walton's Lecture on "Eggs"

Mrs Field the Winner for Best Afternoon Tea Dainty.

On Thursday week the Cotherstone Women's Institute held its monthly meeting in the Temperance Hall. There was a large attendance of members and their friends, and Miss J. Walton's lecture on eggs was much appreciated. The prize given for the best afternoon tea dainty was won by Mrs Field. An interesting exhibition of curios was brought by the members. An attractive musical programme was rendered, songs being contributed by the Rev. J. and Mrs Walton and Miss Annie Walton, and pianoforte solos played by Miss G. Heslop and Miss Nelson. Miss J. Walton ably recited "The Bridge of Sighs" (Tom Hood). A small sale was organised by the members in aid of the Allies' Fund for restoring the devastated land in Northern France and Belgium, the proceeds being £2 5s. After tea the President (Mrs Bourne) gave a short description of how Scarborough received the news of the willingness of Germany to sign the Peace Treaty. The meeting concluded in the singing of the national anthem.

Teesdale Golf Club: Opening of the New Course.

On Saturday last a very successful competition—Player v. "Bogey"—was held on the Marwood course, the occasion being the opening of the new course. There were 22 entries—18 gentlemen and four ladies, and very close and keen were some of the matches played; but, through lack of practice during the past three years, no competitor succeeded in lowering the "Colonel's" flag. After the competition an excellent tea, provided by some of the lady members and friends, was partaken of and thoroughly enjoyed. The ladies were heartily thanked for their contribution to a most enjoyable afternoon, and the hope expressed that this might be forerunner of many such convivial gatherings. The following were the prize winners. Ladies section—Miss Welford 8 down, Mr J. H. Brown 9 down. Gentlemen's section—Mr J. Garbutt and Mr T. K. Bell each 2 down, tied for premier honours, Mr T. P. Summerson 4 down, Mr S. Whan and Mr H. Lingford each 5 down, tied for fourth place.

Scenes at the Greta Bridge Police Court.

"He is a Very Lucky Man: that is All I Can Say."

Extraordinary circumstances attending the theft of money at the Glebe Farm at Brignal, were disclosed at the Greta Bridge Police Court on Wednesday morning, the justices present being Messrs S. E. Hogg (presiding), J. Peacock and J. Walton. The romantic story actually begins as far back as the 18th of December, 1918, although John William Bowman, the prosecutor, had prevously employed the accused, John Edward Hetherington. On the day named the quondam haytime worker called upon his old employer, who generously provided the man with breakfast. Elizabeth Atkinson, the housekeeper of eight years' standing, left the wayfarer enjoying the matutinal meal., but he had vanished on her return, and she missed a sovereign in gold and a one pound Treasury note from a box in the cupboard on the lid of which was emblazoned a picture of Glamis Castle. Hetherington, with the world before him, where to choose, chanced to call at the house of Mrs Hannah Smith, and petitioned her to sell him a pair of boots, and unlike Norval, the frugal swain in "Douglas," he was eager to part with a one pound note. Mrs Smith refused to sell her late husband's boots, and the old haytimer, though traced to other farmsteads, and though a warrant was issued, mysteriously disappeared for some time. On the previous Saturday night, however, on the solitary High Street, near Cross Lanes, P.C. Porritt arrested Hetherington, and ended for a time his melancholy wanderings by locking him up at Startforth Police Station The man now pleaded guilty, and the Bench, characterising the offence as serious, fined Hetherington £3. The money was immediately paid by Mr Bowman, his former employer, who took the man into his service again as and from that day. Then it was that the Clerk (Mr H. C. Watson) declared defendant to be a very lucky man, and that was all that he could say.

TO-NIGHT'S PUBLIC MEETING.

THE COMING PEACE CELEBRATIONS.

All School Children to be Entertained.

The Vicar presided over a meeting of the Barnard Castle War Emergency Committee held on Wednesday night, when there were present Messrs Wood, Dawson, Dent, Morton, Mrs Burt and Misses Railton, Walton, Barker and Bainbridge, and Mr Singer (secretary).—The Vicar said the returned sailors and soldiers would appreciate any public entertainment which might be given them on July 19th.—Mr Dent moved and Miss Barker seconded that "That an offer be made to the Urban Council that this committee will undertake, in connection with the peace celebrations, the entertainment of all the children in the town up to the age of 14." The resolution was adopted.—A circular was read, and ordered to be attached to the minutes, thanking the Committee for helping the creation of the great act of humanity in which the committee had participated in calling into being a new bond of fellowship which would live long after the tragic days of the war had passed into history, the Belgian government being devoutly thankful.—A cordial vote of thanks was extended to Mr Hedley for his great services, and he is to be reminded by letter that he is still a member of the committee.—An honorarium of one guinea was given to Mrs Fred Hedley for preparing the room for meetings.—A sub-committee began work that night to arrange for the festivities.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

AN ELONGATED PROGRAMME.

A special meeting of the Urban Council was held on Saturday night, the Vicar presiding. There were also present Messrs Watson, Walker, Hodgson, Hedley, Singer, Wiseman, Waine, Woodhams, Liddle, Dawson (clerk), and Raine (surveyor).—After an hour-and-a-half's deliberation the following programme was arranged tentatively in celebration of the festivities associated with the signing of the peace treaty, but which is regarded as the basis only of propositions to be submitted to the public meeting to-night:—Saturday, July 19th, procession and musical performances, and sports for children on the Demesnes, in the evening, concluding with a dance for adults in the Music Hall, and a possible overflow dance in the Inner Bailey; Monday, entertainment of sailors and soldiers resident in the place; Tuesday, wives, mothers and widows of sailors or soldiers to be entertained; and Tuesday, old people over 60 to have a treat. Ways and means will be discussed, and a committee will be appointed in each department. The decoration of the town will be invited, and possible flares, bonfires, rockets and fireworks will be considered, together with other matters.

Bowes and Cotherstone Property Offered.

There was a capital attendance in the Music Hall on Wednesday afternoon when Messrs George Tarn Bainbridge and Son offered Pry Rigg Farm, Gilmonby, containing 97 acres 2 roods and 18 perches, in the occupation of Mr Charles Richardson. The vendors were the executors of the late Mr Adam Dugdale, of Gilmonby Hall, the rental being £113, the outgoings £1 19s 6d tithe and 16s 7d land-tax. The first offer was £1,700 and the lot was withdrawn at £2,600.—A proportionate interest in the manorial rights of Bowes, calculated upon a rateable value of £55 10s was then offered, the revenue being £19 a-year Mr T. K. Bell was the last bidder at £260, at which the lot was withdrawn.—A close of land known as "Wheat Gate," over four acres, situate at Cotherstone, and in the occupation of Mr W. L. Clarkson, was purchased by Mr H. Lamb, of Shipley, for £300.

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UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

At a meeting of the Peace Celebration Committee, held at the Mechanics' Institute, Middleton, on Thursday night, Mr J. T. Gowling presiding, it was decided to have a procession and sports on Peace Day (July 19th). Collectors were appointed.

Middleton is shortly to be favoured with another visit from the Rev. T. Ferrier Hulme, M.A., of Bristol, who will preach two sermons in the Wesleyan Chapel.

A pleasing event took place at the Council Schools, Middleton, on Friday, when Mrs Walter Robson, a former teacher, was presented with a silver water jug by the teachers and scholars of the school. Mr Blenkinsopp, headmaster, made the presentation.

The annual pic-nic of the Wesleyan Sunday School was held on Saturday. The weather not being favourable, tea was provided in the school-room, after which the children were taken to Crossthwaite, where sports and games were held.

The Middleton Girl Guides journeyed to Romaldkirk on Saturday, where there was a united gathering of guides from other districts. Sports were held, and tea was provided by Mrs Addison, of Romaldkirk.

A large congregation attended the united thanksgiving service held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Middleton, on Sunday morning, in celebration of peace. The assembly was addressed by the Rev. W. Sumner, and the Revs. G. Chun and G. Glandfield also took part. There was also singing by the united choirs, who were well represented. The proceeds, after defraying expenses, will be given towards souvenirs for the children on Peace Day.

The members of the Middleton Women's Institute had their first excursion last Wednesday, when forty members motored to Staindrop. The weather, which had previously been very unpropitious, suddenly changed about the time of starting, and the day got out gloriously fine. A set-off was made from Middleton at 1-30 p.m., and Staindrop was reached at 2-30. On arrival the party visited Raby Castle, and were shown round the interior by the housekeeper, following which the gardens and grounds were inspected, under the direction of Mr Tullett, head gardener. After an enjoyable tea the party proceeded to the church, where they were met by the Rev. T. Romans, who very kindly explained all the objects of historical or other interest. Mr Franklin, the organist, kindly gave selections on the organ, which were much appreciated. The party commenced the return journey via Streatlam at 8 p.m., and arrived home about 9 o'clock, having had a delightful excursion. The members feel most grateful to Lord Barnard and Mr Fife for their kind permission to view the castle and grounds.

After the recent rains the River Tees is in good condition for fly fishing, and good sport has been obtained during the past week.

MR J. G. GRANT, the well-known author, speaking of Wynch Bridge, in Teesdale, says the mechanical term suggests that the traveller did not, at first, walk, but was drawn across the abyss, in some suspended or moveable chair, or chest, or what not. He believes that in some parts of India there are such bridges even now. That primitive medium, however, gave place at last to the present structure, a bona-fide bridge of iron and chainwork, supporting a two-feet plank, with a good firm hand-rail on both sides.

Proposed Widening of Sills Road.

Startling Cost Leads to Abandonment of Scheme.

A special meeting of the Startforth Rural District Council was held on Wednesday afternoon to receive and discuss the report of the committee appointed to consider the suggested improvements to the Sills Road. Mr J. Peacock presided, and there were also present Messrs Garth, Bayles, Walton, Metcalfe, Waller, Langstaff, Furnass, Tarn, Errington, Thompson, Oliver, R. Allison, Alderson, Burkitt, Lodge, H. C. Watson (deputy clerk), T. H. Plews (surveyor), and W. Porter (inspector).—The Surveyor had estimated the cost of removing the old building and erecting a similar structure at £388 12s.—The Chairman said the committee had fully considered the matter, and they thought it was not advisable to proceed with the suggested improvement at present.—It transpired that it was not improbable that legislative changes would shortly take place.—The Chairman added that the cost would amount to £400, and if even they got a grant of £200 from the County Council, the District Council would have to find the other £200, and a member added that the owner would get all the old stones and slates.—Mr Metcalfe moved the adoption of the report, and Mr Waller seconded.—Mr John Walton said that in the first place the committee thought it was too much money to expend on the project.—Mr Waller: And I think so too.—Mr Walton: What is the value of the whole field? That is the way to get at it. The widening is going to cost us £400. I don't think we need say anything more.—Mr Waller: I think it is out of it altogether.—Mr Walton: I have no doubt it will be a very great boon to the district, but that does not make it any better for us or our ratepayers if we deliberately throw money away. I can find you many places on which capital could be well expended, and if the County Council are going to get a big slice out of ten millions, let me point to Gheistwick, where two carts can hardly pass, let alone a char-a-banc. It just wants a wall building.—Mr Bayles: And there is Forest House.—Mr Waller: That is the worst place I know.—The Chairman said the Sills Road was still the most dangerous place he knew. In descending the bank and on past Gill-lane foot there was so much of the road which could not be seen at all. A motor car could easily catch a trap, and it was impossible to keep out of its way. For so many yards motors could not pass each other at all.—Mr Alderson (Hope) said he had been trapped there himself, and they might have had something very serious. Another building further along blocked the view.—It was then decided unanimously that, owing to the cost, the Council proceed no further with the undertaking.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Deaths.

EVANS.—At Bridgegate, Barnard Castle, on July 4th, 1919, Olga, beloved daughter of Mrs Evans and the late James Evans, aged 17 years —Was interred at the Church Cemetery, on Monday, July 7th.

HUTTON.—At 3, Abbey-terrace, Startforth, on July 2nd, Thomas Hutton, late gamekeeper on the Rokeby Estate. Interred at Startforth on Saturday, July 5th.

In Memoriam.

CHAPMAN.—In affectionate remembrance of Lance-Corporal William Chapman, of the 6th Durham Light Infantry, of Low Startforth, Barnard Castle, who was killed in France, on the 9th of July, 1917.—"Worthy of everlasting love from those he left behind."—Ever remembered by his loving wife and son.

CHAPMAN.—In proud and loving memory of Lance-Corporal Wm. Chapman, killed in action in France, July 9th, 1917.
Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now our loved one sleeping.
—Ever remembered by his loving father, mother, brother and sisters.

KIPLING.—In loving memory of our dear father, John Kipling, of Stackholme, Lunedale, who died June 30th, 1916; and also of our dear mother, Ruth Kipling, who died May 21st, 1913.
Dearer to memory than words can tell
Are the thoughts of them we loved so well.
—Ever remembered by their son and daughters.

MORLEY.—In loving memory of Sapper Fred Morley, who was killed in action on July 9th, 1916, aged 22 years.—Ever remembered by his loving mother and sisters.

Return Thanks.

EVANS.—Mrs Evans and her daughters, Bridgegate, Barnard Castle, wish to return thanks to all kind friends and relations, also the employees of Messrs Ullathorne & Co. and members of the 6th York and Lancaster Regiment, for kindness shown them in their recent sad bereavement; also for floral tributes sent.

HUTTON.—The Misses Hutton, 3, Abbey-terrace, Startforth, beg sincerely to thank all friends for sympathy and condolence extended to them in their late bereavement.