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SALE THIS DAY.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH 1919.
USUAL WEEKLY SALE of DAIRY COWS and HEIFERS, STORE CATTLE, BREEDING SHEEP and LAMBS.
Sale at 10-30 a.m.
Sale of Stores at 11-30 a.m.
MONDAY, JUNE 30TH.
SALE OF FAT CATTLE AND SHEEP.
Grading at 9-30 a.m. prompt.
Will Vendors of Fat Stock kindly have same at Mart not later than 9 a.m.?
All Stock to be Entered One Week previously.

NOTICE.

Although official notice has been received that the Government Control of Fat Stock Markets will cease on the 30th September Next, the above Company propose continuing the Monday Market for the Sale by Auction of Fat Stock.

As the Mart is very conveniently situated for a wide area the Company fully anticipate that this Market will remain a first-class medium for Farmers to dispose of their Stock, and ask all those who have during the control been attached to this Mart, and others, to support them.

Further Particulars of arrangements will be published at a latter date.

W. P. WALLIS, F.A.I., Secretary.
Auction Mart, Barnard Castle.

SALE THIS DAY.

CALGATE, BARNARD CASTLE.

GEO. TARN BAINBRIDGE & SON, INSTRUCTED by Mrs Brown, of Whorlton, will Sell by Auction, on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH, GREY DRAUGHT MARE, 12 years old, 16 h h., a capital worker.
Sale at 2 o'clock.
The Mare can be seen after 12 o'clock on day of sale at the Three Horse Shoes Hotel.
Office: Stanhope Road, Darlington.

Central Sale Rooms,
Barnard Castle.

JOHN PARKINSON & SONS, INSTRUCTED by Mrs Osborne, of 10, Victoria terrace, and others, will Remove to the above Rooms, and Sell by Auction, on THURSDAY, JUNE 26TH, a large quantity of

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

And Effects, including:—Oak hall stand and 2 chairs, aneroid barometer, mahogany centre table, 2ft. 6in. mahogany circular table, Good Iron-frame Piano, in Walnut Case, by Allison & Allison; mahogany-top table, 3ft. 6in. by 2ft. 6in.; 4 cases birds, FINE MAHOGANY PEDESTAL SIDEBOARD, 8ft., with cellarette; 2 carved mahogany lamp stands, 6ft. mahogany sideboard, brass rail kerb and brasses, mahogany folding card table, 2 mahogany folding tables, large black and gilt mirror, mahogany frame mirror, 4 mahogany picture frames, mahogany cornice pole, 3 birch poles, Chippendale style oval mirror, 8-days grandfather clock, in mahogany case; bentwood rocker, mahogany Canterbury whatnot, couch, in leather; pair of horns, mahogany stool, folding chair, black and copper kerb, HARMONIUM, 12 stops, walnut case; 3 walnut small chairs, old oak gate-leg table, several pictures, 50-PIECE DINNER SERVICE, 2 overmantels, mahogany dining table, 2 leaves; coal box,
7-piece Oak Suite, in Blue Velvet;
7-piece Suite, in Red Velvet;
pair walnut toilet tables, marble timepiece, mahogany secretaire and bookcase, 4ft. 6in. fumed-oak bedsteads and wire mattress, brass bedstead, 4ft. fumed-oak bedstead and wire mattress, 6 black and brass bedsteads, wire mattresses, 3ft. fumed-oak combination bedstead, mahogany tester bedstead, 2 painted chests of drawers, small chest drawers, stair rods, 3 mahogany swing mirrors, 2 flock beds, 3ft. Satin Walnut Bedroom Suite, complete; 3 mahogany three-quarter chests of drawers, with brass handles; mahogany enclosed commode, old mahogany swing mirror, bedroom chairs, mahogany corner washstand, 2 towel rails, brass-front fender, good birch chiffonier bedstead, DOUBLE CHEST MAHOGANY DRAWERS, walnut dressing chest and washstand, pine earth closet, 4 mahogany dressing tables, wringing machine, heating stove, deal shop table, kitchen chairs, pair house steps, fireguard, etc.

ADDITIONS:

CHESTERFIELD SUITE, in Green Plush; fine 6ft. MAHOGANY SIDEBOARD, glass back; fire proof safe, 25in. by 20in.; good all-brass Italian bedstead, stained dresser, with mirror back; spirit cruet,
CHOICE PIANO, Rosewood Case, Trichord, by Imperial Piano Co.;
tennis net, racquet and marker; posy tub, wheelbarrow, 2 large oil paintings, 2 hanging lamps, 2 walnut overmantels, painted wardrobe.
Sale at 9-30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

THE HALL GATES, ECCLESTONE.

WM. TARN, INSTRUCTED by Mr Robert Rutherford, who is leaving the neighbourhood, will Sell by Auction, on SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH, 1919, the following FURNITURE:—Very good mahogany press bedstead, in good condition; half-chest mahogany drawers, gent's chest of mahogany drawers, brass mounts; antique mahogany arm chair, 2 hair-seated mahogany chairs, 3 birch hair-seated chairs, square centre table, rocking chair, black and brass kerb fender, brass fireirons, Brussels carpet, 3½ by 4½ yards; skin rugs, carpet square, various carpets, hearthrugs and mats; 4 cornice poles and rings, 2 sets of brass stair rods, kitchen table, with drawer; 3 kitchen chairs, kitchen fender, fireirons and tidy; good hanging lamp, several brass lamps, mahogany-painted cupboard, painted cupboard, bellows, 20 pictures, 3 fire shovels, 4 coal scuttles, clothes basket, small basket, winter, 3 flat irons, brushes, etc.; baking board and rolling pin, meal box, posy tub, oak wash tub, 2 iron bedsteads and mattresses, half-chest oak-grained drawers, small folding table, 2 birch swing mirrors, walnut-painted washstand and dressing table, set of chamber ware, window curtains, flock bed and pillows, quilts and various cushions, quantity of crockery, 2 good cream pots, 3 zinc baths, 4 zinc pails, good oil barrel, with brass tap and oil tin; 2 clothes horses, 2 poultry hampers, scythe, hay forks, shovel, dog chain, 2 water tubs, knife box, knives and forks and spoons, salt jar, a number of books, large modern practical farriers' book, expensive veterinary syringe and tubes, small syringes, good storm lamp, a number of garden tools, and other articles too numerous to mention.
Sale at One o'clock.
Hunderthwaite, Romaldkirk.

BARNARD CASTLE.

FREEHOLD PROPERTY SALE.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,
At the Central Sale Rooms, Barnard Castle, on FRIDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1919, at 6 o'clock in the Evening (subject to the Conditions of Sale of the Durham and North Yorkshire Law Society).
Messrs J. PARKINSON & SONS, Auctioneers.

Lot 1.

ALL that DWELLING-HOUSE, with Warehouse or Printing Works adjoining, situate in Queen-street, Barnard Castle, and now in the occupation of Mr A. V. Hempsall.
The House contains Sitting-room, Kitchen and Scullery, and Three Bedrooms and Attic. The Printing Room measures 33ft. by 19ft., with Warehouse below of same size. The Frontage of the block is 21ft., and the Depth 55ft. The Premises are Stone Built, and suitable for any trade.

Lot 2.

All those THREE FREEHOLD COTTAGES, situate in the Waterloo Yard, Barnard Castle, and now in the occupation of Mr R. Lincoln, Mrs B. Benson and Miss Storey.

Lot 3.

All those WAREHOUSES, STABLES and Yard, known as "Harris' Bottling Works," situate in the Hole-in-the-Wall, Barnard Castle, in the occupation of the Vendor. This Lot consists of Three-stalled Stable, Coach-house, Large Warehouse, with Rooms above, Covered Yard, with cement floor, and is admirably adapted for Aerated Water Works or similar business.
The Lot will be sold with or without the PLANT, consisting of Bishop's Gas Engine, Soda Water Plant, Syphon Filler, 3 Dozen Syphons, Water Cisterns, etc.
For further particulars apply to the AUCTIONEERS, or to
MESSRS DAWSON & HICKS, Solicitors, Barnard Castle.

Preliminary Announcement.

To be Sold by Public Auction, FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSES, STABLES, WAREHOUSES, GARDENS, in Newgate, Barnard Castle. Particulars later.
G. T. Bainbridge & Son, Auctioneers.
W. J. & H. C. WATSON, Solicitors, Barnard Castle.

BLAKLEY FARM, Near STAINDROP.

Messrs Geo. Tarn Bainbridge & Son and Edwin Huck,
JOINTLY honoured with instructions from Mr George Bell (who is taking up an agricultural appointment under the Staffordshire County Council), will Sell by Auction, on FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH, 1919, the whole of his Valuable FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, ETC., including:—
10 Horses.
50 Head of Cattle.
21 H.B. Ewes and 34 Lambs, 7 Pure-bred Oxford Down Ewes and 12 Lambs, 4 H.B. Shearling Gimmers, Scotch Ewes and Lambs, 2 Oxford Down Tups, Oxford Down Gimmer.
7 Pigs. 47 Head of Poultry.
Field of good Implements.
Harness and Gears, Dairy Utensils, etc.
Sale to commence at 12 30 o'clock.
The whole for Absolute Sale.
The above Farm is about 1 mile west of Staindrop.
Offices: Darlington and Soulby.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE.

STREET HEAD FARM, HARTFORTH,
Near Barnard Castle.

GEO. TARN BAINBRIDGE & SON, HONOURED with instructions from the Executors of the late Mr Jos. Allison, will Sell by Auction, on TUESDAY, JULY 1ST, 1919, his Valuable FARMING STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, ETC., as follows:—
6 HORSES.—1—Grand bay mare, 4 years, 14·3 h.h.; 2—Bay horse, 6 years, 14 2 h.h.; 3—Brown mare, 14 3 h.h.; 4 and 5—Grey mare, aged, 15·2 h h., with colt foal at foot (the above are quiet good workers); 6—Brown yearling colt.
30 HEAD OF CATTLE.—Red cow, served January 26th; red cow, newly calven; roan cow, two months calven; 5 cows, in full milk; roan cow, served October 5th; roan cow, served March 15th; roan cow, served January 19th; roan cow, served June 1st; roan cow, served June 10th; red and white cow, forward; blue-grey cow, served February 13th; red heifer, served May 21st; gold cow, fit; roan bull, 13 months; 8 heifers, fit for service; 4 bullocks, 13 months.
SHEEP.—20 H.B. Ewes (two to four shear), with a good crop of lambs; 16 shearlings, forward.
SOW, in pig.
IMPLEMENTS.—Governess Car (good), 2 cump carts, shelvings, long cart, 2 grass cutters, little worse; horse rake, sweep, swath turner, cake crusher, milk float, weighing machine and weights, water cart, 3 ploughs, rowing plough, drag, seed and chip harrows, scuffler, scrubber, chain harrows, 2 sheep racks, 6 corn troughs, barrels, 2 ladders, wire netting, hay strewer, barrow, cow chains, corn bin, pig troughs, sanitary troughs, hen house, small tools.
HARNESS and GEARS.—2 Sets of harness, cart and plough gears for 3 horses, sundry gears.
DAIRY UTENSILS.—17 Milk bowls, 3 milk churns, 7 milk cans, churn, cheese kettle, 2 cheese presses.
Sale to commence at 1 o'clock prompt.
The whole for Absolute Sale.
This Sale includes a lot of first-class Stock. The Horses can be well recommended. Lots 1, 2 and 3 are smart Harness Horses and reliable, and Lot 4 is a good Brood Mare. The Cows have been well selected, and are a good Dairy Class. The Young Cattle are a choice lot and fit. The Ewes are young and have a crop of good lambs. Implements are a useful lot, several little worse.
Office: Stanhope Road, Darlington.

MARDEN, BARNARD CASTLE.

GEO. TARN BAINBRIDGE & SON, HONOURED with instructions from Mrs Laws, will Sell by Auction, on WEDNESDAY, JULY 2ND, 1919, 2 FIELDS of MEADOW GRASS (4 Acres and 2 Acres), situate at Green Lane, Marden; also the FOG of same until October 31st, 1919.
Sale to commence at 4 o'clock.
To meet at the Fields.
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In the North Riding of the County of York.

VALUABLE PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
In the Witham Testimonial, Barnard Castle, on WEDNESDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF JULY, 1919, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, subject as to such Conditions as will be then read.
Messrs Geo. Tarn Bainbridge & Son, Auctioneers.

LOT 1.—ALL that FREEHOLD FARM of Land, called "PRY RIGG," situate in the Township of Gilmonby and Parish of Bowes, in the County of York, consisting of Dwelling-house, Outoffices, and Farm Buildings, and several Closes of Meadow and Pasture Land, comprising in the whole 97 ACRES 2 ROODS 18 PERCHES, and now in the occupation of Mr Charles Richardson.

Lot 2.

A PROPORTIONATE SHARE, Estate and Interest of and in the Manorial Rights or Moneys arising therefrom or out of the Manor of Bowes aforesaid, upon a rateable value of £55 : 10s.

Lot 3.

All that CLOSE or PARCEL OF LAND, known as "WHEAT GATE," containing by admeasurement 4·124 ACRES or thereabouts, situate in the Township of Cotherstone, in the North Riding of the County of York, and now in the occupation of Mr W. L. Clarkson, as tenant.
Lot 1 has a useful Dwelling-house with good Outbuildings. The Farm is well watered and cultivated in a good and practicable manner, and includes some excellent Meadow and Pasture Land. The Shooting over the Farm is good, and there is a considerable stretch of excellent Fishing in the River Greta.
Lot 3 is superior Accommodation Land, well farmed, and only a short distance from the Village of Cotherstone. It offers a first-class investment.
Further particulars and leave to view may be obtained from the AUCTIONEERS, Stanhope Road, Darlington; MESSRS SIMPSON & DUCKWORTH, Surveyors, Blackburn; or
MESSRS W. J. & H. C. WATSON, Solicitors, Barnard Castle.

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Late Advertisement.

WANTED, Rooms and Board for Gentleman, from 4th July, for three months probably.—Apply, Messrs Dawson and Hicks, Solicitors, Horse Market, Barnard Castle.

LOCAL AND OTHER NOTES.

CAPTAIN FIELD'S pack of harriers arrived at Lartington Hall, last week. There are 11½ couples.

DR. HEADLAM says the earliest records give the village of Whorlton the name of "Quarrington."

THE Royal Engineers are completing a survey of this town, with the view of issuing a new ordnance map. They have been here seven weeks, and it is twenty years since their last visit. They report that there are few alterations except in the upper part of the town.

YESTERDAY'S "Daily Mirror" contains a striking portrait of Captain Roy H. Helmer and his bride, Miss Sevier (niece of Dr. Sevier, of Bedale), who has twice received the nurses' medal for bravery on the field.

THERE are about twenty summonses returnable to the Staindrop Police Court on Friday.

WE are authoritatively informed that Lloyd's Bank have purchased Todd's unoccupied central cafe in the Market-place, Barnard Castle, for a branch bank, and that Mr Norman B. Wells, late of the Manor House, Startforth, has been appointed the first manager. Messrs W. J. and H. C. Watson, solicitors, sold the premises.

IN London, on Monday, Lord Gainford said our present policy was leading towards disaster.

ON Monday morning Lady Bolton died at Bolton Hall, Leyburn. Her Ladyship was the mother of the Hon. W. G. A. Orde-Powlett, formerly Member of Parliament for the Richmond Division, and well-known in Teesdale. The only daughter is the Marchioness of Exeter, wife of the brother of the late Lady Barnard.

THE Rector of Brignal has extended a cordial invitation to the North Eastern Cyclists' Meet officials to visit Brignal Church, and the executive has promised carefully to consider the matter.

CHIEFLY through the instrumentality of Captain Field, and the Rev. Father O'Connell, the resident priest, the cemetery chapel and burial-ground at Lartington are having much-needed attention, large bodies of villagers having for a succession of nights being engaged in restoring order and beauty in the ground containing the remains of the late Right Rev. Monsignor Witham.

THE members of the Barnard Castle Butchers' Association and friends had a day's outing to Windermere on Thursday. It rained in torrents all day.

LAST night we gleaned from a reliable source that the 16th York and Lancaster Regiment, quartered in this town, would be demobilised on the 19th of July.

LAST week-end Barnard Castle was packed with visitors, lodgings being at a premium.

IT is expected that Scargill Lodge will be shortly occupied for a time by members of the owner's family.

THE Sunderland Sailors' Orphanage Boys, headed by their band, attended service in the Parish Church at Barnard Castle, on Sunday morning.

FIVE charges under the Live Stock Sales Order (Butterknowle defendants) will be investigated at the Police Court, this day.

FOOTPATH erosion is causing some alarm at Barnard Castle, and more especially is the Gas Company just a little concerned. The Tees has a more violent sweep than ever past the gasworks, and, indeed, the Durham side of the impetuous river is suffering greatly for a long distance from periodical landslips which, though not extensive, are slow and sure.

NUMEROUS young grouse were seen on the wing on the Low Moor at Scargill, on Saturday evening.

MR AND MRS DARWENT are both invalids, and take exercise on the beach at Bognor in bath-chairs.

YESTERDAY the employees of Messrs Bolckow, Vaughan and Company, Middlesbrough, had a full day's recreation at Barnard Castle and neighbourhood, Mrs Golightly providing refreshments in the Music Hall.

ON Wednesday, at the Rural Council meeting, Mr R. P. Hett said a Government inspector gave it as his opinion that the unemployment dole was at the root of the labour difficulty.

Now that the Newgate corner property has come into the ownership of Church of England trustees, the opportunity of the century presents itself not only for widening the approach from the Bank into Newgate, but of opening up the grand old parish church which for hundreds of years has been practically hidden to the public eye.

CANON GOUGH, who for fifty years has exercised salmon fishing rights in the west of Ireland, has, owing to declining years, relinquished the sport.

THE question of a rates' office at Barnard Castle is held over till November.

A DENSELY-POPULATED country, which is unable to feed itself, can never be a working-man's paradise, a land of short hours and high wages.

THE Borough of Morcambe has asked the local Urban District Council to join in a movement prohibitive of the use of motor-trailers as being dangerous to life and limb.

DALTON and Aldbrough farmers are of opinion that the utmost difficulty will be experienced in feeding the sheep driven off the burnt and burning tracts of Yorkshire moors, seeing that the pastures have gone off, and that inland holdings are all stocked to the limit.

IT is on record that one hundred years ago or more it was the custom for the females in many households to busy themselves in spinning; and, on a summer's evening, the Horse Market presented quite a lively scene, for the women had brought their spinning-wheels into the street, and there sat at work, spinning and talking, and filling the air with the sound of their voices and the hum of their wheels. Times, however, have changed, and women to-day are luxuriating in less clothing than formerly, and apparently less spinning.

SOME of the eels in Dalton fishpond are known to be nearly a yard in length, of great girth, and having manes.

BARNARD CASTLE RURAL COUNCIL.

Mr R. P. Hett presided on Wednesday, when the Surveyor stated that the cost of the district roads during the month was £502. The repairing of Causeway Road, Forest, is to be completed. Dr. Neligan reported 4 notifications of pneumonia, and that 27 births and 13 deaths had been registered. A request from the Pembroke Council, seeking support to a protest against the continuance of "summer time," was not granted.

THE LIGHT RAILWAY PROPOSAL IN UPPER TEESDALE.

The Clerk read a further letter from the Ministry of Munitions on the question of the proposed light railway for Upper Teesdale, and that body pointed out that it had been before the Railway Executive Committee, who thought it was a domestic affair, and advised them to refer the matter to the General Manager of the North Eastern Railway Company.—Mr W. Johnson: Would it not be better to proceed under the Light Railway Act of 1906-12?—Mr Weedy said the question had been considered by the parish councils of Upper Teesdale who were formulating a petition on the matter, and they wanted the Council to assist them in forwarding their object to the proper authority. The aid of Alston was also sought. They knew that there were rich minerals in that district which would be a valuable asset to the country, but they needed developing. Their object was to get as much as possible for the benefit of their country.—On the motion of Mr R. W. Raine it was agreed that the whole matter be laid before the North Eastern Railway Company, and it is understood that the petition will also be forwarded through the Council.

DANGEROUS ROAD AT BOWLEES.

The Clerk said he had had a visit from Mr Hobbs, an inspector of the Local Government Board, who wished to know what work the Council had in hand, or was likely to be carried out in the immediate future. Several schemes of improvement were in contemplation, said the Clerk, but none were likely to be done this year.—Mr Weedy referred to the dangerous part of the road at Bowlees. He said the matter was one which required immediate attention. If the road could not yet be improved, at least the timber should at once be taken out so as to give a view from one bend to the other.—The Chairman: I think it will be one of the first places to receive attention.

130 HOUSES TO BE BUILT.

The Clerk gave a report of the Housing Committee meeting, which body had received applications for houses from the following parishes:—Cockfield, 50; Ingleton, 10; Middleton, 20; Woodland, 30; and Staindrop, 20. The Committee recommended that 130 houses be built according to the Government scheme, which, on the motion of Mr Dickenson, seconded by Mr Joseph Tarn, was agreed upon.—At the request of the Local Government Board full powers were delegated to the committee, with the exception of borrowing the money and raising the rate.

Barnard Castle Cricket Club.

The return match between Barnard Castle and the York and Lancaster Regiment took place recently on the town club's field, with the following result:—Barnard Castle, 84; York and Lancs, 68. For Barnard Castle W. Dawson was the highest scorer, making 21, and also took 7 wickets for 32 runs. Pte Priestley, for the soldiers, secured 5 wickets for 37 runs, and Pte Spencer 4 for 32.

Barnard Castle entertained Egglestone on June 14th, and, although six of their batsmen failed to score, they managed to win by 50 runs. Scores:—Barnard Castle, 86; Egglestone, 36. Pte Priestley batted well for the home club, knocking up 42 runs, and also took 3 wickets for 21. W. Dawson's bowling again took great effect, 7 wickets falling to his lot at an average cost of 2 runs each.

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BIG SHEEP FARMS: OLD-TIME LEAD-MINING.

A STUDY IN LIGHT AND SHADE AT SPANHAM.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Crossing the Stang in winter has not unfrequently bulked in local story as a feat comparable to adventures in arctic travel, but a ramble to Spanham House in leafy June seemed realistic of Byron's line in his immortal "Pilgrimage"—"the nympholepsy of some fond despair." It was a pleasant outing in genial weather. More than that. It was an unbeaten track, and an undiscovered country to the writer, who roamed in pastures new the live-long noon. The ozone is bracing and health-giving, and the journey delightfully romantic. The macadamised road winds river-like through the heathery gorse, affording access to the dales beyond, while from the home of Mr and Mr James Peacock—spotless in the freshness of its limewash, and forming a distinctive characteristic in a marvellous landscape—the vision is enraptured with the charm of distance spread on every side. It was Waldo Emerson who said that beauty was its own excuse for being, conditionally, of course, that eyes were made for seeing. So back to memory comes the panoramic outlook from Barras station, which is here dangerously rivalled, if not actually challenged.

This mighty, outspreading picture, as seen from an elevation of more by far than a thousand feet above sea level, with the fitful play of light and shade on the moorland slopes and ling-clad hills—this bewildering habitat of hardy red grouse in a vast expanse of bracken, whin and waste—was supremely fascinating, captivating, artistic and joyous. And the impression must ever remain.

Forty miles distant lay the silvery streak of the North Sea, dimly afar and misty, while due west the summit of Mickle Fell peeped over every intervening height between, and frowned on each little speck of art and work of man that spotted all the dale below. Prominent in the northern prospect were the clear and distinct lines of the Bowes Museum—opportunely, by the way, my only companion was an accomplished connoisseur in fine art—a triumph in French Renaissance architecture, and the stately North Eastern County School hard by. Baliol's ancient fortress was barely visible, while a dot of grey nearly in front was assumed to be proud Raby's battled towers.

Anon the hills appear innumerable and eternally heaped, till lost in far and hazy space, while close at hand, is the snug little wayside inn, which has afforded shelter and hospitality to many a belated traveller, and where the husbandman, beaming with domesticity, may with his fellows expand more freely when the toils of the week are over. Touchstone's query does not apply, and wisely so—"Hast any philosophy in thee shepherd?"—for cosmos big is mercifully delimitated, and so, regardless of the nameless, featureless stream of humanity in the world's strife, to-day, he pursues the guileless tenor of his way, leaving the herding of men to conductors of tubes and railway guards. And may his pastoral innocence and peace of mind remain unshattered.

Here, in the oppressive stillness, and in a solitude which, after all, hath charms—"how sweet, how passing sweet"—we ponder and reverence with an inspiration unsought. The quiet is disturbed only by the occasional bleating of lonely mountain sheep, the alternating whistle and scream of the curlew, and the plaintive pipe of the lapwing, mingling with the twitter of swallows nesting in the eaves of Spanham House. With unerring instinct these feathered visitants of world-wide flight return to their mountain home every spring, this year's arrival synchronising to the hour with the advent of the cuckoo. Surely in this alpine loneliness wild nature is seen in her bewitching mood, and who, indeed, can paint like her?

But these moors possess sporting and historic as well as sheep-grazing interest. Full many a day's hard hunting with Mr Meysey Thompson's famous beagles has been spent on Scargill High and Low Moors, the late Sir Talbot Clifford Constable invariably being first in the field. Photographs of the followers of the chase—all well-known faces—are yet preserved; and when the boundaries were perambulated there was great fun. A rude receptacle under a majestic cliff was mysteriously filled with "mountain dew," by beneficent fairies, and freely given to the crowd of retainers, who, like the notorious Scot of "cutty-sark" fame, were soon "o'er all the ills of life victorious."

On a sudden, however, out of the sunshine the last night passenger train west plunged into a light mist, and as suddenly the vapour broke, the tyrant of the day shone through, and behind the trailing skirts of the rain-veils the train sped o'er Stainmore's wintry waste from old, very old Bowes. Meanwhile there was a slight shower floating in the further distance, but painfully aloof from the thirsting pasturage around the Castle Keep of Barnard.

Mr Peacock is an extensive flockmaster, farming hundreds of acres in two holdings, and is a deservedly popular figure in the public life of the immediate North Yorkshire district. Having partaken of his generous hospitality, our host accompanied us in an inspection of some historical features of Scargill High Moor. He told us that they could see the lighted streets of Darlington in winter time, and that if the sun shone upon his house in the morning farmers far and near took it as augury of a fine day. We saw Elsay quarry, where grindstones used to be got, and were afterwards deeply interested in ancient and more modern lead-bushing and mining operations. Mr Peacock was cicerone, and his descriptive ability was of no mean order.

The Spanham Lead Mine, now in disuse, is situate in a ravine among the hills at the northern base of the Stang, and was at one time worked by Messrs Leggett and Company. The proprietor of the royalty was then Sir Clifford Constable, Bart. The yield was never large, averaging about 2½ bings per month, and the workmen were but few. The greater portion of the ore was sent to the Gaunless Mill, a distance of ten miles, to be smelted. The lead-ore was found in the "Twelve-feet limestone," and was reached by a level extending 312 fathoms into the hill. This latter level was ventilated by a shaft 20 fathoms deep, in piercing which shale or "plate" of the extraordinary thickness of 42 feet was cut through. The lode, or vein, which dips from north-west to south-east, is supposed to be a continuation of the vein found in Arkendale, on the other side of the Stang.

The ancient workings, in the immediate vicinity of this mine, have been of singular extent and importance; and the numerous springs of water have been utilized in a remarkable degree for the purpose of "hushing," that being the mode by which the metal has been brought to light. With much toil and patient assiduity the water has been conveyed in winding channels, from the highest summits, for the formation of the reservoirs by which the hushing has been accomplished.

On the very top of some of the lower hills, more than a thousand feet above the level of the sea, these dams or reservoirs have been constructed, which is shown by the remains of the embankments; and the force of the water is exhibited in the vast chasms in the hillsides, from which hundreds of tons of stone and soil have been washed into the valley, and lie over many acres. A huge trench also has been dug across the moor, by the old adventurers, in the evident hope of bearing the vein; and the excavated earth, together with the now half-filled trench, have been overgrown with heath for centuries.

On the heights bordering the Ellerbeck—a stream running a tortuous course amid the range of hills—are a number of shallow pits, which have been used for smelting purposes, and "slag" has been found near them. These pits are termed "bloomeries," and were employed universally for the smelting of metals when dense forests covered the face of the land, and when luxuriant woods grew where now are desolate moors. Timber may have flourished on the banks of the Ellerbeck, and the smelting would continue until the wood was exhausted.

If you had asked the more modern miners who were their remote predecessors—who conducted the gigantic labours the tokens of which are yet so clearly apparent—they would tell you that it was the work of the "Old Man," but who he was, or the people he represented, has long been forgotten—his identity is shrouded in the wrecks of matter and the crush of worlds.

It is said that the lead-mines in Arkendale were worked in the time of the Romans, or even of the Britons; and the "Old Man," for anything we know to the contrary, may have toiled here before this Island fell under the Roman dominion. It is certain that, in the thirst for gain, or urged by necessity—the use of metals having become imperative in the manufacture of implements for the chase or for war—man early penetrated into the most inhospitable regions in search of the metals concealed under the surface of the earth; and these solitudes, at the dawn of civilization, many have resounded with the operations of an industry now almost extinguished. The "Old Man," whether Briton or Roman, has left indelible imprints of his presence; but he has bequeathed no written memorial, and his very nationality has faded into oblivion.

Nevertheless last Saturday's tramp is enshrined in happy memories of the beauty spots of Teesdale.

Barnard Castle Bowling Club.

The Barnard Castle team have made two successive visits to Darlington recently in quest of league point, but have failed by 13 shots on each occasion, having been defeated by Rise Carr B by 78 to 65, and by North Park B by 77 to 64.

On Saturday, on the Bowes Museum green, the local club were opposed by Darlington Railway Athletic B, with the following result:—

Barnard Castle.	
R B Gent, R Lamb, F C Dalgarno (s)	17
J W Bewick, J Bailey, F Welford (s)	16
J Thompson, G F Dearing, C E Edmondson (s)	23
G Craig, H Hobson, J Glover (s)	13
Total ...	69

Railway Athletic B.	
J Tight, J H Williamson, F Wilkinson (s)	20
J Corrie, F Smith, T Bullock (s)	10
J Lumley, J Clark, F Forrest (s)	13
P W Westray, J Hawdon, H Bertram (s)	21
Total ...	64

The next league match will be played against Central "B," on North Lodge green, Darlington, on Thursday, 26th inst. The same night another team from the club will meet in a friendly game, on the Museum green, the representatives of the 16th York and Lancaster Regiment, at 6-30 o'clock.

IMPORTANT SOON TO LADIES.
NO Pills or Drugs used in this treatment; my never-failing remedy, and I guarantee to cure all female ailments. I invite those cases that have failed elsewhere. Stamp, free advice.—ROSE'S "LABORATORY," No. 8, Mitre-street, Cheltenham.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

At a special meeting of the Middleton Parish Council, held on Thursday night, Mr J. Watson presiding, arrangements were made to have a thorough canvass made of the parish for a petition in regard to the extension of the railway from Middleton to Alston.

A meeting of the peace celebration committee was held at Middleton on Thursday night, when Mrs Beadle (Burnbrae) and Mr G. Longstaff were appointed joint secretaries in place of Mr Blenkinsopp, who resigned. A canvass is to be made of the parish for funds.

May-fly fishing in Upper Teesdale has been poor this season. Owing to the continued drought the water is very low and clear, and anglers are having a lean time. A good flood is eagerly looked for, then we may expect an improvement in the favourite pastime.

Mr G. Longstaff cut a field of grass last week which was very light. It is a long time since there has been such a light show of grass in the district. We fear the prospects are somewhat bad now for farmers, which is to be regretted, feeding stuffs being very dear and bad to procure.

Two weddings of much local interest took place at Middleton last week. On Tuesday, Miss Annie Ethel Parmley, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Parmley, Snaisgill Farm, was led to the altar by Private Thomas Parker Canadian Forestry Corps, of St. Helen's, Lancashire. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr W. Parmley), was neatly attired in a coat-frock of fawn gaberdine, with white silk hat and fawn stockings and shoes to match. The bridesmaids were Miss Norah Wordsworth Thompson (cousin), who wore a dress of fawn sponge cloth, embroidered in pink, and pink Georgette hat, and the Misses Bessie and Frances Smith, two little nieces of the bride, who were gowned in lovely frocks of sky crepe-de-chine, with hats to match. Mr W. W. Swinbank, cousin of the bride, was best man, and the Rev. G. Chun was the officiating minister. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, and later in the day the happy couple left for the south. On Wednesday Mr James Ruecroft, Redmire, was married to Miss Norah Walton, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Walton, Orchard Farm, Middleton. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a biscuit-coloured costume, with hat to match. She was attended by Miss Stobbart as bridesmaid, and Mr Bousfield, Woolley Hills, was groomsman. After the ceremony a reception was held at Orchard Farm, where a large display of presents were on view.

The wet weather, on Thursday, although welcomed by the farmers, prevented the holding of the outdoor portion of Brough gala.

A wedding of considerable local interest took place in Egglestone Wesleyan Chapel on Thursday. It was the first marriage to be solemnised in the chapel, of which the bride had been organist for some years. The contracting parties were Frank, only son of Mr and Mrs Littlefair, of Keverstone, Staindrop, and Jennie, eldest daughter of Mrs and the late Mr John Redfearn, of Egglestone. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. Glandfield, circuit minister. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr Walton, of Mickleton, was charmingly attired in a dress of white satin, and she wore a veil and wreath of orange blossom. She carried a beautiful bouquet of cream roses. Miss May Redfearn, the bride's sister, was the bridesmaid, and wore a dress of pink crepe-de-chine. The best man was Mr George Littlefair, cousin of the bridegroom. After a reception at the house of the bride's mother the happy couple left for Blackpool. Amongst the many beautiful and useful presents to the bride is a silver-mounted oak tray from the members of the Egglestone Wesleyan Chapel, suitably inscribed.

A Child's Death: Coroner's Local Inquiry.

On Friday morning, at the Police Court, Barnard Castle, Mr J. T. Proud, Coroner, Bishop Auckland, conducted an inquest on the death of the child of Annie Dresser, Ware-street, in this town. A jury of eight was empanelled, the inquiry having been adjourned a fortnight ago for the attendance of the deceased child's mother, who was stated on medical authority to be too ill to attend. Miss Dresser, accompanied by her mother and another female, now appeared, but was not called upon to give evidence. Mr Hicks (Dawson and Hicks) represented her.—Re-examined, Mrs Dresser said she had had influenza, had recently been ill, was not very strong, and was unable to lift any heavy weight.—The evidence of Dr. Robinson was the most important. He said he answered an urgent message to attend at 5, Ware-street, on the 31st May, and found Miss Dresser, who lived with her mother, in a state of collapse. He saw the dead child, which was a fully-developed female.—Coroner: Had the child a separate existence?—Doctor: I don't think it had. I am of opinion that any attempt at breathing had been of a very faint character.—Coroner: Can you see any reason why this child should not have lived if it had had expert attention?—Witness: No. I have attended the mother of the child off and on, and for a serious attack in December. Her health has been very much below the normal condition.—Coroner: And that to some extent would react upon the child?—Witness: It would have a marked effect on the development