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THE CEESDALE MERCURY. BARNARD CASTLE, NOV. 26TH, 1919.

SOCIAL AMENITIES. WINTER came upon us phenomenally soon this year, but found at least four

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LOCAL AND GENERAL. Lord Barnard, on Wednesday and Thursday last, entertained a number of brother officers

On Thursday night, Mr Dalgarno, with the aid of a plan, unfolded a scheme for permanently planting the windmill of the public conveniences, in the Market place.

The value of sheep at the present day is well illustrated by the recent sales at the local auction mart.

Mr Thomas Meadows Clutterbuck, of Patridge Park, near Luton, formerly of Mickletown Hall, Rickmansworth, lord of the manor of Great Stanmore, who died on October 19, aged 69, left estate of the gross value of £41,579, with net personalty £235,720.

Major L. E. C. Elwes, D.S.O. has been promoted Lieut.-Colonel in the Reserve of the Durham Light Infantry.

It is the intention of the Barnard Castle United Football Club to hold a practice game on the Ten Fields ground on Saturday.

At Butterknowle, on Saturday, Geo. Tarn Balmbridge and Son sold by auction the residence known as Bleak House, Butterknowle, and land, the whole covering an area of about 4 acres and lot at £25 per year.

The Bishop of Durham denies a statement which has appeared in a section of the Press that he contemplates early retirement.

At the Roads and Transport Congress at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Mr Francis Wood, Borough Engineer of Blackpool, said yesterday 1,000 commercial lorries released by the military authorities would be put on the roads to be used for goods traffic.

Mrs J. J. Bell-Irving was present in London, last Wednesday, when six grown-up bridesmaids in pale yellow chevron velvet, with skunk collars and gold brocade toques, from which hung a long yellow tassel, were in attendance on Miss Violet Buchanan Jardine, only daughter of Sir Robert and Lady Buchanan Jardine, at her marriage to Mr Owen Peel, M.C. of the 5th Dragoon Guards, at St. James's, Piccadilly.

Official figures quoted by La Croix place the number of French ecclesiastics killed during the war as 5,276. Nearly 1,000 received the decoration of the Legion of Honour, 883 received the Military Medal, and 7,848 received the Croix de Guerre.

Moreover, there were 685 who received citations in the Orders of the Day.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN HUNT, WYSE HILL. A genial and true son of the Teesdale hills departed this life very suddenly on Monday afternoon in the person of Mr John Hunt, dairyman, of Wise Hill, Startforth.

The deceased possessed all the inbred characteristics of a daleman. He was intelligent, kind-hearted, hospitable, neighbourly and generous, and was widely esteemed by a large circle of friends.

He was not unacquainted with the frugal life of an artisan, and his intimate knowledge of the geology of Teesdale, and his one whose pretensions to learning were of the most modest character.

Mr Hunt was at one time a member of the Teesdale Board of Guardians, and until lately, was a member also of the Startforth Rural District Council.

The deceased was always brimful of story and anecdote relative to the upper dale, and especially to the times when lead-mining was in its hey-day.

The deceased gentleman, who, like his father, was a blacksmith at the mines of the London Lead Company, was the eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs Richard Hunt, of Wyse Hill, and was 68 years of age.

Dr. Robinson was summoned on Monday afternoon, and at once expressed the opinion that the patient was suffering from syncope, as the direct result of heart disease.

The interment is fixed for to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon in Middleton churchyard. The body will be removed from the residence at 10.30 a.m. to Middleton, by hearse, and the cortege will be formed at Middleton railway station at 2 o'clock.

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MICKLETON BOY'S SHOCKING DEATH. CRUSHED BY STEAM ROLLER. On Thursday afternoon, at the Rose and Crown Inn, Mickleton, Mr G. J. E. Gardiner, county coroner, held an inquest on the body of James Raymond Allison, son of Isaac William and Mary Allison, of Low Side, Mickleton, aged ten years and eleven months, who was fatally injured on the highway the previous evening by the Startforth Rural District road roller accidentally passing over his body.

At four o'clock the deceased with three other boys was running by the side of the steam roller as it was being driven along the road near High Green. The driver, James Foster White, had occasion, a short time prior to the fatality, to warn the deceased lead off the coil of water piping carried at the rear of the engine, but he did not afterwards see where he went on leaving the piping. After, however, the engine had travelled a short distance the driver felt it lifting. He stopped the machine and found the body lying on the road, the near hind wheel having passed over it longitudinally. Death, of course, was instantaneous.

No jury was empanelled, and the Coroner returned a verdict that the boy had been accidentally killed by being run over by a steam roller. Mr T. H. Plewa, the district surveyor, was in attendance, but it was not deemed necessary to call him as a witness, although the thoughtful official extended his deep sympathy to the boy's father, who, it is understood, is a mason, and has three children.

The melancholy event, very naturally, has created a painful shock throughout Teesdale, as the poor lad was killed within ten minutes of his getting his tea and leaving home. The parents are sympathetically remembered in their bereavement. How the deceased came to be caught by this modern car of Juggernaut hardly seems clear, though no blame of any kind is attached to anybody. The funeral took place at Lathkirk, on Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended.

BLACK PRINCE MOTORS. LAST NIGHT'S HISTORICAL NON-STOP RUN TO LONDON. Last night a very interesting event occurred when the first motor car built by Messrs the Black Prince Motors, Limited, was turned out from their works at Thorgate Mills. This car, though merely intended for use as a demonstration model, shows such beauty of outline, excellent finish, has so many obvious advantages, among them being the comfortable seating arrangements and protection afforded the two passengers, and novel method of coupling the two engines, that future models are looked forward to with keen anticipation.

The designers have devoted their skill and experience to the production of a car which will bridge the gap which has existed so long between the side-car outfit and the light car, combining the best feature of each at a price which is considerably below the price of most of the side-car outfits at present on the market. Special features are its weight, which is not more than three hundredweight, engine giving seven horse-power, length, nine feet six inches; height, three feet; two-speed gear, efficient lighting, spacious accommodation for luggage, which is carried in a large locker in the bulbous body, and great strength, this being obtained as a result of experience gained during the recent war in the construction of aeroplanes.

The car left for London last night on a non-stop run, driven by Mr H. G. Wright, chief engineer for the motor-bicycle and bicycles exhibition, just opened, at Olympia. The enterprise of the firm in meeting the difficulties experienced in the manufacture of their famous "Black Prince" motor-cycle owing to the lengthy moulders' strike is highly commendable, and we are informed that when raw materials are again obtainable they will combine the manufacture of the car referred to above with the motor-cycle, which bears their name.

BARNARD CASTLE BOWLING CLUB. The above club held a very successful whist drive and dance on Thursday night last in the Witham Hall. There were 124 players, and 31 tables were occupied. Several more ladies and gentlemen afterwards took part in the dance. The prize-winners were—Ladies—1st, Miss G. Hall; 2nd, Miss M. Harris; 3rd, Mrs. G. Olliver; 4th, Miss G. Olliver; gentlemen—1st, Mr C. E. Edmondson; 2nd, Mr J. Bousfield; 3rd, Mr H. Allinson; 4th, Mr F. Bayles; 5th, Mr S. H. C. Jackson, the president's wife, presented the prizes to the winners. On the motion of Dr. Welford, one of the vice-presidents, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Jackson. The president then presented the gold medal to Mr F. Welford, he being this year's champion, having practically carried all before him, and winning, in addition, three other first prizes in the competition. Mr H. Holson acted as master of ceremonies for the whist drive, and Messrs C. E. Edmondson and R. B. Marton for the dance. The music was supplied by Mr F. C. Dalgarno's orchestra, and refreshments were supplied by Messrs Hodgson and Lidster in their excellent style. The prizes were kindly given by Messrs R. Woodhams, J. T. Knowles, J. H. Skipper, S. A. Sweeten, J. Franklin, G. Craig and J. R. Brown, for which the committee tender their best thanks.

THE LATE DR. MITCHEL. Had Dr. Mitchell lived till 21st inst. he would have completed his 78th year. On his father's side Dr. Mitchell belonged to a family which had been settled in the Fenwick district for several centuries, and he was born at an ancestral home there. His father, James Mitchell, was a doctor of medicine. His mother belonged to the Naismith family, which had been settled in Hamilton parish, Lanarkshire, for centuries. Both the Mitchell family and the Naismith family had interesting connections with the Covenanting fathers, one of them suffering imprisonment for "re-setting rebels" after the battle of Bothwell Brig, that is, giving shelter to men who had fought there on the Covenanting side. Another ancestor, on account of his adherence to the Covenant, was banished to the Barbadoes. Dr. Mitchell was educated at Dollar Academy and Glasgow University, where he graduated M.D. After a short sojourn at Newmilns, he went to Barnard Castle.

SITES QUESTION: CROOK LANE AND HARMIRE. An adjourned special meeting of the Housing Committee, on Monday night, was attended by the Rev. H. W. H. Bircham (chairman), and Messrs Wiseman, Woodhams, Hedley, Walker, Smith, Guy, Liddle, Waite, Dawson (clerk), and Raine (surveyor). The Chairman congratulated Mr Smith on his reappearance at the meeting, after an absence of six months. A long discussion took place on the sites question, and Mr Woodhams moved that instructions be given to the architect, Mr Clayton Green, to survey and report on the Flatts estate—first of all on the land chosen for their scheme, and secondly on the whole of the land on this estate, as to its suitability for building purposes, and to report to that Council as soon as possible.—Mr Wiseman seconded, but emphasised economic value in the Flatts.—The motion was carried.—Mr Liddle: Is it possible to get the opinion of the architect whether the Flatts land or the Harmire road land is the best? Can we ask him for an expression of opinion? Personally speaking I am almost positive that you can save £20 to £30 in each house in the carriage of material alone.—Mr Wiseman: This meeting has just to deal with the Flatts estate.—Mr Liddle said the Harmire estate for this purpose comprised fields belonging to Mr Watson, Mr R. T. Richardson and the Railway Company.—It was stated that in draining this land the sewers would go under two lines of rail.—Mr Smith: Looking at this plan here there is no question in my mind that the Harmire is the cheaper site. There are two roads, and water must be somewhere near.—Mr Liddle: I propose that the architect be asked to compare the Flatts estate with the Harmire and Crook lane land.—Mr Hedley seconded, and the proposition was adopted.—The Surveyor agreed to furnish the levels.—Mr Woodhams: It has been suggested that some portion of the committee should accompany the architect. I would say that he go entirely on his own.—Mr Wiseman: The opinion of an expert should be given unaided by anybody.—Accordingly the architect will undertake a lone some pilgrimage.

"MY COLOURED FRIENDS." NATIVE SLAVE MELODIES. Last night Mr M. J. Dixon occupied the chair at a scholarly lecture delivered by the Rev. J. P. White, of Darlington, embracing valuable historical research in days anterior to the emancipation of slavery. Musical illustrations were rendered by the Darlington Male Quartette, Messrs J. H. Johnson, first tenor; T. Burnside, second tenor; F. Burgin, first bass; and J. Duncanson, second bass (late of Durham Cathedral). At the outset the Chairman announced that unfortunately Dr. Leishman could not be present, as the advertised president, he having been summoned to a rather serious incident in the town.—The lecturer, who was lucid and intensely interesting in a recital of his world wanderings, said the slave songs were spontaneous, and came from the hearts of the people. They were not made by the people, but were out of the people. They were revelatory. There was no lying folk music, and folk music could never act the hypocrite. The slave was the opposite to the superman, and having been relegated to the sub-species of the human race, had been very liberally trodden upon. The slave had assisted in the creation of the hanging gardens of Babylon, the building of the pyramids, and had never been thanked for it. The War of 1861-2-3-4, waged ostensibly for the liberty of man to enslave his fellow-man, and he paid a warm tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. The vocalists in the three first songs would express the gradations of cloud, the lifting horizon, and lastly the full light of day in negro bondage. The songs included "No more peck o' corn" (the slaves weekly allowance), "Done wid Dribler's Dribbin'", and "O Graveyard," and many other melodies were rendered. The vocal interpretation throughout was quite high-class.

WEDDING AT ROKEBY CHURCH. A pretty wedding took place at Rokeby Church on Thursday morning, when Mr Alfred Corfield, of Westal, near Carlisle, was married to Miss Eleanor Carter, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Carter, of Cross Lanes. The bride was neatly dressed in a mauve costume, with white hat, and was given away by her father. Miss Emma Carter and Miss Elsie Corfield were the bridesmaids, and wore dresses of navy blue, with hats to match. The Rev. J. R. Gardiner was the officiating clergyman, and the bridegroom was attended by Mr Ted Corfield, as best man. Mr Catterall played the "Wedding March." The happy pair left amid hearty congratulations from their numerous friends for Bassenthwaite, where the honeymoon is being spent. The motor was supplied by Mr Louis Smith, the Garage, Barnard Castle.

MORE PIGS REQUIRED. Part of the new policy of the Board of Agriculture is designed to increase the number of pigs in the country. It is stated that there was an estimated increase of about a quarter of a million pigs on April 1st last as compared with last year. That, however, recovers only one-third of the ground lost during the war. There is no doubt whatever that the rearing of more pigs will be a great benefit to the farmer. Not only are pigs wanted for food, but a keen demand for breeding pigs for export was expected, and they afford an economic outlet for feeding stuffs which may now be more freely obtained. It is recommended that pigs should be kept more largely on open-air principles, for the pig is a grazer and can make use of fairly considerable quantities of green fodder in conjunction with concentrated foods. Probably this system would lead to a lessened danger of outbreaks of swine fever.

Make your Christmas Puddings and Mince-meat with Shredded "ATORA". "ATORA" is the "Handy Suet," Ready Shredded for Puddings, Mince-meat, etc., in Blocks for frying, cooking and all purposes. 1 1/2 lb. goes as for 2 lbs. raw suet. No Chopping, no Waste, always ready for use. Sold by all Grocers, and Stores in 1 lb. and 1/2 lb. boxes. Sole Manufacturers, HUGON & CO., Ltd., Manchester.

NOTES FROM THE HIGHER DALES. DEATH OF A NOTABLE TEESDALE MAN. [BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.] The flood in the Tees last week was of tremendous proportions, and attracted much attention. The thaw was swift and effective, and huge blocks of ice were conveyed on the bosom of the turbulent current with wonderful celerity and force. There seems to have been a poor run of salmon in the higher reaches this season, the lack of water during the autumn doubtless accounting for the paucity, though numerous becks lower down the valley are literally choked with fish.

In connection with Middleton Band of Hope a series of special gatherings were held last week-end, and attended with considerable success. On Saturday night a concert was given in the Primitive Methodist Sunday school, presided over by Mr J. Watson, secretary, and Mr Langley, and an interesting programme was rendered by Mr Dickinson and party, of Cockfield, which included Miss White, soprano; Miss Linsley, contralto; Mr G. Dickinson, tenor; and Mr Rand, bass; who were assisted by local artists, namely Miss Benson, Miss Beadle, Egglestone; Miss A. Dobson, Miss A. Anderson and Miss F. Walton. The quartette, both collectively and individually, gave great satisfaction, and the large audience were not slow to appreciate the ability of the popular party. The local artists were also in good form, and the numerous scores were evidence of high appreciation. Miss L. Pinkney was the accompanist. The special preacher on Sunday was Mr H. Patterson, of Newcastle, who is a great favourite at Middleton. He conducted service at the Baptist Church in the morning, and at the Primitive Methodist Church at night. In the afternoon a sacred concert was given at which Mr Patterson presided. The quartette party, assisted by Misses Benson, Anderson, Walton, L. Walton, A. Harrison, and Messrs Lowe and A. Morton gave a splendid programme, and a large company was presided over by Mr Patterson. On Monday night a lantern lecture, entitled, "Scottish Covenanters," illustrated by slides, was given by Miss M. Horn and Miss F. Dickson.

The death took place at his residence, Lane Side House, Middleton, on Thursday morning, of Mr Jonathan Hunt, at the ripe age of 82 years. There were few men in Teesdale better known than Mr Hunt, and he held the highest respect of all who knew him. He was of a kindly, christian disposition, and had a great influence for good in the district. He was actively associated with the Baptist Church, being one of its chief supporters, and worked in every phase of its activities from Sunday school teacher, local preacher to deacon. Mr Hunt had a marvellous career in connection with the London Lead Company, in whose service he devoted the best energies of his life, until he retired, twenty years ago. He was born at Bishop Auckland, in a cottage on the site of which the Wesleyan church now stands in Newgate. He started life when he was 12 years of age, working as washer lad for twelve hours a day for 4d., and gradually rose in the service of the company to be their chief agent, succeeding Mr Millican 22 years ago, after having been a mine steward for a long period. The late Mr Hunt took a keen interest in the affairs of the town. Being of a very humble disposition he was reluctant to come forward for prominent positions, but whatever office he held he filled it zealously and faithfully. The Baptist denomination is poorer to-day for his death. Deceased was well known in the Northern Association, his father being a deacon both at Hanterley and Middleton churches. The "Outlook," the official organ of the association, in 1912 gave a survey of Mr Hunt's career, and said that "for fifty years he has given whatever help laid in his power. It is 19 years since he lost his wife, and leaves a family of two sons and two daughters to mourn his loss. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, and was very largely attended. The service was held in the Primitive Methodist Church for convenience, and was conducted by the Baptist minister (the Rev. W. Sumner).

ALLEGED STORES BREAKING AT BUTTERKNOWLE. At the Barnard Castle Police Court, on Monday morning, before Mr C. J. Smith, two men from the locality, were brought up custody on a charge of breaking into the co-operative stores at Butterknowle, and stealing therefrom 62 ounces of twist tobacco and other articles of the total value of £2 6s. P. C. Sumter, who has only been in the mining district a day or two, spoke to arresting the men at three o'clock on Sunday morning. A light was seen burning in the stores at a quarter-past two the same morning.—Sept. Kiddell applied for a remand till Wednesday morning.—Mr Smith asked the men if they had anything to say why they should not be set at liberty, and the accused raising no objection, a remand was granted accordingly.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS. Deaths. COATES—At Cotherstone, on Tuesday, November 25th, 1919, Elizabeth, widow of the late John Coates. To be interred at Cotherstone, on Saturday, November 29th, cottage to have residence at 2.30 p.m.—Friends please accept this intimation. FORREST—On November 26th, 1919, suddenly, at Barnard Castle, John, the dearly beloved husband of Mary Forrest, of Low Green, Romaldkirk, aged 32 years. Was interred at Romaldkirk on Monday 24th inst.—Deeply mourned. HUNT—At Wyse Hill, Startforth, on the 24th inst., John, eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs Richard Hunt, of Wyse Hill, aged 68 years. Interred at Middleton Churchyard on Thursday (to-morrow) afternoon at 2 o'clock, cottage leaving residence at 10.30.—All friends please kindly accept this intimation. KIDD—At Blackton Farm, Egglestone, on November 26th, Margaret, widow of the late Jonathan Kidd, of Eton, 72.—Interred to-day, Wednesday, November 27th.—Friends please accept this intimation. In Memoriam. GHANDLER—In loving memory of Private T. Ghandler, R.O.D. Lance, reported missing on the 26th November, 1917, afterward presumed killed on that date. Ever remembered by father, mother, brothers, sister and friends.—After many struggles peace at last. ROBSON—In loving memory of Private Thomas Ambrose Robson, the dearly beloved only son of William and Edina Robson, 6, York Terrace, Barnard Castle, who died on November 23rd, 1918, aged 18 years.—Ever remembered by his father, mother, sister, relatives and friends. TODD—In memory of dear Arthur, the beloved son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Todd, of Barnard Castle, who died on November 29th, 1918, aged 17 years.—Blessed are the pure in heart. Return Thanks. FORREST—Mrs Forrest, Low Green, Mr and Mrs R. Forrest, and family and family wish to thank all friends for their great kindness in their sad and sad bereavement, also all those who were so kind and attentive at the railway station. KYLIE—Mr Kyle and family wish to thank all friends and relatives for their kind words and letters to them in their sad bereavement; also for letters of sympathy and floral tributes.—Thornberry Farm, Bowes.