

Sales by Auction.

HASTLE & TEESDALE FARMERS' ASSOCIATION MART CO., LTD.

AUCTIONEERS: LUCK, Soubly, Kirky Stephen; AND GEORGE BAINBRIDGE & SON, Darlington.

THIS DAY. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9TH. WEEKLY SALE OF DAIRY HEIFERS AND STORE CATTLE, and Dairies Cattle at 11-30 a.m. Stores at 11-30 a.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 14TH. WEEKLY SALE OF FAT CATTLE. Commences 9-30 a.m. prompt. Please have STOCK PENNED by 9 a.m.

NOTICE. Attention of the above Company for de-control, to hold a Market for BY AUCTION OF FAT STOCK WEEK ON MONDAYS. Further in future advertisements.

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

VALUABLE FREEHOLD SMALL HOLDING AND LAND FOR SALE.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION, 15, June 11th, 1920, at 2-30 p.m. subject to the Conditions of Sale of the North Yorkshire Law Society.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD SMALL HOLDING, situated at Mickleton, containing 11 Acres 2 Roods 26 Perches of Meadow and Pasture Land.

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SALE THIS DAY. HUNDERTHWAITHE, MICKLETON, AND KELTON, YORKSHIRE.

VALUABLE CUSTOMARY FREEHOLD AND LEASEHOLD FARMS FOR SALE.

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SALE THIS DAY. GALGATE, BARNARD CASTLE.

Geo. Tarn Bainbridge & Son, INSTRUCTED by Major Bower, Chief Constable of the North Riding of Yorkshire, will sell by Auction, on WEDNESDAY (TO-DAY), JUNE 9TH, 1920, BAY HARNESS HORSE, 15-8 h.h., a capital worker.

Sale at 2 o'clock prompt. Office: Stanhope Road, Darlington.

GORDON BANK, EGGLESTONE. FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSES FOR SALE.

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STARTFORTH, BARNARD CASTLE. VALUABLE FREEHOLD LAND FOR SALE.

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the Barnard Castle and District Football League was held at the Stag's Head Hotel, Butterknowle, on Saturday.

Mr. J. Peacock, the league treasurer, presented the balance-sheet, which showed a credit balance of £2 1s. 10d.

The statement was accepted as satisfactory, and with £7 1s. 6d. coming from the medal competition funds, a total credit balance of £9 3s. 4d. was reported.

It was decided to grant the league secretary, Mr. G. Savage, an honorarium of £2 for his services, and to thank him for the able manner in which he had carried out the league's correspondence.

LEAGUE EXTENDED. The following teams were accepted into the league for the season 1920-1921:—Butterknowle D.S.S., Lands Institute, Staindrop Athletic, Middleton United, Esperley Rovers, St. Helen's Athletic, Ramshaw Rangers, Raby Moor United, Butterknowle United, Toft Hill United and Barnard Castle United.

It was decided to raise the membership of the league to 14 clubs, instead of 12 as heretofore. Three more teams are required to complete the league, and early application should be made to Mr. G. Savage, league secretary, 17, Passes-street, St. Helens Auckland, by clubs intending running a league eleven.

The entrance fee has been raised to £1, and the guarantee fee to 5s., half to be paid at the first league meeting, to be held at the Stag's Head Hotel, Butterknowle, on 14th August, at six p.m.

The election of officials resulted as follows:—President, Mr. J. E. Swan, M.P. for Barnard Castle; vice-presidents, Dr. J. C. Nollan, Middleton-in-Teesdale; Mr. J. Bates, Butterknowle; Dr. J. Beattie, Copley; Mr. S. Million, Cockfield; Mr. J. Ingram Dawson, Barnard Castle; and Mr. N. Field, Lartington Hall; chairman, Mr. J. Shield, Barnard Castle (re-elected); vice-chairman, Mr. J. Thompson, Butterknowle; treasurer, Mr. J. Peacock, Ramshaw (re-elected); secretary, Mr. G. Savage (re-elected); 17, Passes-street, St. Helens Auckland; auditors, Mr. J. Allison, Staindrop; and Mr. G. Forster, Middleton.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the league chairman, Mr. J. Shield, for his services during the past season.—Referees desiring to be placed on the list of this league should communicate at once with the Secretary.

CRICKET AND TENNIS. Barnard Castle were the visitors at Egglestone on Saturday last, and won by 5 wickets and 48 runs.

EGGLESTONE. BARNARD CASTLE. F. Boardman, b. Stokoe, 18; M. Adlard, c. R. Kidd, 15; R. G. Tully, b. Walker, 5; W. Cattermole, b. Stokoe, 1; E. H. Maudie, not out, 19; W. Dawson, not out, 19; R. Kidd, c. Cattermole, 0; S. Travis, did not bat; H. Bainbridge, Extras, 12.

Extras 12. Total (for 5 wickets) 48. For Barnard Castle Nicholson took 6 wickets for 12 runs, and Maudie 2 wickets for 4 runs.

TENNIS SECTION. On the same day a very successful tournament was held on the club courts. Twenty-two members played in mixed doubles, and some good games took place.

The winners were Miss F. Welford and Miss D. Sayer (the latter playing as gentleman), who, from scratch, won 56 games out of a possible 60, with only 27 games against them.

The runners up were Miss Middleton and Mr. Christie, with 56 games against 35.

ALLOTMENTS. To the Editor of the "Teesdale Mercury." Sir,—There were some inaccuracies and omissions in the report of the Urban Council proceedings in last week's issue which I hope in justice to myself you will enable me to refer to.

The Clerk is reported to have said I wished to have a letter read dated 3rd May. I had no such wish. I received a letter from him dated 1st May, stating I had not made any definite offer to the Council, and would I put into writing the terms on which I proposed to convey the property for public use, and he had no doubt it would be favourably entertained by the Council.

The Council have accepted my terms thus far, and it only remained to me to say definitely how I proposed to fulfil my promise. It was in consequence of this invitation I wrote the letter referred to. Only a part of my letter is reported, and apparently is brought before the Council about four weeks after it was written.

The following suggestion for management is not referred to:—"As these 3 fields are for the benefit of the townspeople a committee of management should be constituted consisting of persons to be nominated by (1) the Urban Council; (2) the Museum Trustees; (3) the Town Improvement Association; (4) the Mechanics' Institution; (5) the Benefit Clubs; (6) the Managers of Elementary Schools; (7) Committees of Sports Clubs; (8) myself; two women should be elected. The Council to have a controlling voice."

The public will see there was nothing in my proposal to take up the time of the Council (which is much engaged in most important duties), or necessitate any increase of rate.

R. T. RICHARDSON. Barnard Castle, June 7th, 1920.

[Perhaps it is well that Mr. Richardson should himself unfold the nature of his committee of management. Necessarily abbreviated, our report said: "As these three fields are for the benefit of townspeople a committee of management should be constituted by the people, and Mr. Richardson sketches its constitution, and intimates that the Council should have a controlling voice in all arrangements."—Ed.]

Certain North Riding police centres are being furnished with motor cycles in lieu of horse-drawn conveyances. Perhaps the statement was premature in last week's notes when it was said that a motor-car would be supplied to Startforth, nothing definite being known beyond the sale of the horse, which takes place in Galgate this afternoon.

This morning an inquest will be held at the Teesdale Institution on the body of Robert Atkinson, 71. Deceased was a farm labourer, and had suffered from mental depression. After tea, on Saturday, his wife found him lying on the grass, at the rear of the house, at Cleatham, with his throat cut.

UPPER DALE NOTES.

[BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.] The monthly meeting of the Middleton Parish Council was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday night, Mr. T. R. Gowling presiding.

Mr. Casbourne attended the meeting, and put before the Council a scheme for lighting the town with electricity, which is to be considered by the Council. An application was before the meeting to take the hill for roundabouts for the show in September, and it was decided to accept