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BIRTHS

Routeledge.—At the cottage, Spring Lodge, Barnard Castle, the wife of William Jas. Routeledge, gardener, of a daughter.

Parkin.—At 20, King Street, the wife of Mr W. Parkin, road surveyor, of a son.

MARRIAGES

Walton.Allinson.—At the Register Office, Barnard Castle, Mr J.J. Walton, of Bollishepe, Weardale, to Miss M.A. Allinson, of Middleton-in-Teesdale.

Beadle.Ireland.—At the Primitive Methodist Church, Barnard Castle, Mr John Beadle, to Miss Margaret Anne Ireland, both of Ettersgill, Teesdale.

Carter.Raine.—At the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Middleton-in-Teesdale, Mr Wm. Carter, of Cotherstone, to Miss Agnes Raine of Mickleton.

DEATHS

Gayles.—At her father's residence, Marwood Cottage, Margaret Hannah Gayles, aged 47 years. Interred at Barnard Castle cemetery on 20th Dec.

Preston.—John Preston of North Gill, Lartington, aged 57 years. Interred at Cotherstone cemetery on Thursday.

Coates.—At George Street, Barnard Castle, Ruth, widow of the late George Coates, of Boldron, aged 73 years.

Spence.—At Whorlton, Hannah, relict of Ed. Spence, of Winton, aged 69 years.

Bainbridge.—At Barnard Castle, Elizabeth, relict of late Geo. Bainbridge, aged 91 years.

Bustin.—At Barnard Castle, Catherine, widow of John Bustin, aged 65 years.

Dean.—At Barnard Castle, John Dean, aged 61 years.

Watson.—At 52, Galgate, Barnard Castle, Ernest Albert Edward George, son of Charles and Sarah Jane Watson, aged 18 months.

Nixon.—At 43, Galgate, Barnard Castle, John Nixon, aged 80 years. "In love with all men."

Thompson.—At Dalton, Winifred, widow of the late William Thompson, of Grafts, Whorlton.

LOST, SABLE AND WHITE BITCH. Answers to "Jess."—Anyone returning same to JAMES STODDARD, Arlaw Bank, will be rewarded.

TWO SCOTCH GIMMER HOGS strayed from ROSE AND CROWN, Mickleton. Marked I.R. on both horns. I.R. near loin. O. on far shoulder. Ruddled near buttock.—W.M. Raine, Park End, Middleton-in-Teesdale.

WANTED, a number of **PIGEONS.**—Apply to Richardson, Gun Maker, Barnard Castle.

MILLINERY.—WANTED, at Once, **APPRENTICES.**—Apply, Mrs Morgan (late Powell), Horse Market, Barnard Castle.

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WANTED, HOUSE, at Barnard Castle, by Term Day, 3 Bedrooms, &c.—Full particulars to TOMLINSON, 18, Cragg Street, Stockton.

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HAY AND STRAW FOR SALE, also Cumberland Bacon, at JAMES DALSTON'S, Market Place, Barnard Castle.

EXCELLENT SEED HAY, for Horses, and **GOOD WHEAT STRAW.**—Joseph Dalston, Bede Kirk, Barnard Castle.

Tributes to the late Richard Watson, famed Dale Poet

From the first and for many years the "Teesdale Mercury" stood alone in its recognition of the late Richard Watson, the Bard of Teesdale. It was subsequently joined by others, notably the "Daily Chronicle," the "Weekly Chronicle," and the "Northern Echo," and now it has the high gratification of seeing further leading journals like the "Leeds Mercury" and "Yorkshire Post" following in its train, and eulogising our "deceased poet as enshrining in superior verse the charms, romance, and history of his native dale." The following article appeared in the "Northern Echo" of Friday last, which I will quote for the benefit of numerous readers who might not otherwise see it:—

"Chiefly on the initiation of Mr Henry King Spark, supplemented by the kindly intercession of Mr Scarth, J.P., and finally consummated by the generous bounty of Lord Barnard, a free cottage for life has been bestowed upon the widow of Richard Watson, 'the Teesdale poet.' The brightest pages in the history of English poetry and literature are those in which is enshrined the elegant correspondence disclosing the relationship which had subsisted between England's most distinguished and most honoured nobleman and the less fortunate but more brilliant possessor of genius. Many of our greatest men of letters have left behind them splendid testimony of those transcendent relations which must subsist between kindred souls, whether they be those of

peers or commoners. Richard Watson was a genius of whom it might perhaps be truly said, in a measure,

"Chill penury repressed his noble rage,
And froze the genial current of the soul."

Watson loved the dale with no common ardour, and has left behind him lyrics which have imparted a sweet, and abiding fragrance to his memory. Mr Spark, himself a man of gifts and parts, has been scandalised by the seeming neglect of a gifted son of the bonny dale, and has done perhaps more than anyone to bring honour to the poet's memory. Mr Scarth, as a man of taste, recognised the claim of the sweet Teesdale songster, and has given effect to a responsive sympathy and adoration which do him honour.

UPPER TEESDALE: NEWBIGGIN

On Saturday evening the Wesleyan friends were greatly encouraged by the way the people came out to the highly successful services in connection with their chapel anniversary. At 6.30 o'clock Councillor T. Heslop, of Evenwood, presided over an entertainment, of a very interesting character, give by Messrs Moon and Cox (Evenwood), W. Tallentire (Barnard Castle), reciting and reading; singing by Messrs Joseph Raine, Morton (Brignal), and Lowes, and Misses Redshaw, Smeaton, Walton and Heward (Middleton); Miss M. Wearmouth (Newbiggin, violin solo. At the close the annual coffee supper was held, provided by Mrs Gargett, Mrs J. Hutchinson, Mrs S. Raine, Mrs R. Lowes, and Mrs Cameron. The supper was served by Mrs J. Wearmouth, Mrs J. Watson, Miss Lee, Miss Robinson, and Miss Thompson.—On Sunday Mr J. Cox preached to good congregations. The financial statement was ahead of last year. Miss Wearmouth rendered valuable service at the harmonium. Miss Tarn gave an address to the Sunday scholars.

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NOTICE

THE ANNUAL NEW YEARS TEA, in connection with the Wesleyan Sunday School, Barnard Castle, will be held on 2nd January, 1896.

MINE FATALITY AT COCKFIELD

On Saturday morning, about 1 o'clock, a miner, named James Dent, residing at Fell Houses, Cockfield, was killed whilst following his employment in Gordon House Pit. It appears that the unfortunate man was in the act of driving a wooden plug into the roof to fix the telegraph wires, when the roof fell upon him and killed him. Deceased leaves a wife and six children.

TEESDALE BOARD OF GUARDIANS

The fortnightly meeting was held on Wednesday, Mr J. Todd, J.I. presided, and there was a good attendance.

Christmas dinner, etc.

Mr Dent moved that the inmates of the workhouse have the usual treat of roast beef and plum pudding at Christmas.

Mr Lax seconded, and it was agreed to unanimously.

What about the beer? The Workhouse Master asked if he should accept of a cask of ale.

The Chairman: Have you had the promise of beer?

The Master: No, but I might have the offer of it.

The Chairman: Then we'll consider the question when you get the offer.

Seasonal gifts

It was announced that Mrs J.D. Holmes was prepared to provide little presents for the inmates, this Christmas, and, on the motion of the Rev R. Tilbury, it was resolved that Mrs Holmes be thanked for the kind offer, and that the gifts be accepted.—Messrs C. Chipchase of Cotherstone, and C.J. Blackett, be accorded a hearty vote of thanks for a magic lantern entertainment given in the workhouse.—Mrs Wippeny said that Miss Sherlock had generously offered, at her own cost, to provide certain articles of clothing for the workhouse girls, if the guardians kindly accept of them. Mr Dunn moved that the guardians kindly accept the kind offer.—Mr Hilton could not but appreciate any act of generosity, and accept the best intentions on the part of the donors, but this was a question as to how far outsiders should interfere in these matters. It was a grave question, and he held that the duty of the guardians was to provide all necessary meat, drink and clothing for the inmates. Special treat was another thing.—The Rev H. Jennings maintained that this kind offer should not be rejected. The proposal had come in a very kind and a very reasonable manner, and without any wish to interfere with the duties of that Board. In fact that possibility was precluded because these matters must come before the Board for their consideration.—Mr Hilton: It is a very dangerous precedent.—Mrs Wippeny: Mr Hilton thinks the same as we do, but he just likes to talk. (Loud laughter).—Mr Hilton held such language to be not parliamentary, and he was not prepared to submit to it even to a lady. (Renewed laughter).—Mrs Wippeny further observed that she had consulted Mr Hilton on the matter under consultation and he had made no objection to it whatever. (More laughter).—Mr Hilton once more protested, and the fun grew fast and furious on Mrs Wippeny, giving the parting shot that it was all very well they had heard Mr Hilton talk before!

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100 year old news

These four pages have been compiled from parts of different editions of the Teesdale Mercury in December 1895. Column sizes and type sizes have changed a lot since then. Reports were much longer 100 years ago, and most have been reduced for this festive feature.

Barnard Castle Police Court Is not marriage an open question?

Thomas Hewitson, farmer and mason, of Bluestone Grange, was charged with an aggravated assault upon his wife, Mary Elizabeth Hewitson. Mr J.I. Dawson appeared for the prosecution, and Mr Barningham for the defence.

Complainant said she was married to the defendant in May last. He was a mason, and could earn 5s. per day when he was at work. She recollected the assault. Her husband came home at half past four o'clock, and told witness to tie the calves up. She told him she would not. He began to curse and swear, and said he would finish her.

He got up from his seat and took his wife by the neck. He hit her upon the lip, and put her on the floor, underneath the table. Her mouth was cut, and there was a piece out of her lip. His mouth was swollen. He said he might as well have something to pay for, as she had no marks upon her. He said he would finish her for twopence. He followed her upstairs, and the quarrel was continued. Eventually she left the house, and went straight home. She met her two sisters on the road. Since then she had seen the defendant twice or thrice. She saw him on the Saturday night after the summons was served. It was at the top end of Galgate. He said—What about this summons? Witness replied that he knew all about it, and wanted ten shillings, and the defendant suggested half of that sum. She saw him on the Monday after, and he offered her another shilling. She would not live with her mother-in-law.

Cross examined: I have not kissed him since the summons was taken out. I never told him to go back to Barnard Castle where he had been. He struck me.

Emily Sowerby, sister of the complainant, said she lived at Old Lodge, Raby Parks, and recalled the night of the assault. She was going to take her married sister some provisions, her elder sister being with her—Margaret. They had got to Firthburn when they met the complainant, who was in a very distressed state. They all three turned back together, and went home. She saw her married sister's mouth was swollen, and a piece taken out of her lip. She complained very much of her throat. Mr Barningham said the complainant was always going home to her mother, and defendant had no other home but that of his mother, who had afforded shelter for them both. There was nothing whatever in the evidence to justify the Bench in granting a separation order.

Trap accident near Barnard Castle.—On Wednesday afternoon, Mr Joseph Richardson, farmer, residing at Rutherford House, near Greta Bridge, was thrown from his trap near Cross Lanes, in returning home from a neighbouring market. Mr Richardson's wife and child were in the conveyance at the time, but appeared to have escaped comparatively injured. Mr Richardson, however, sustained concussion of the brain, and his condition was critical. Mr Richardson is now rapidly improving. The horse ran away, and it is conjectured that it became frightened at an object in the hedge. Dr Welford was in prompt attendance.

WOODLAND

The members of the Woodland football club will hold their annual ball at the end of the year. A good string band will be in attendance. As this is one of the events of the year, a good attendance is assured.

DISPUTE BETWEEN COLLIERY OWNERS

At the Autumn Assizes at Leeds, on Thursday last, the case of James Marr v. the Butterknowle Colliery Company, Limited, came on for hearing before Mr Justice Wright. The action was brought to recover the profit made upon coal worked by the defendants out of the plaintiff's coal royalty. The collieries of the parties adjoin each other at Butterknowle, and the presence of faults and expense of working rendered advisable an exchange of seams under certain land. The plaintiff alleged that defendants were only entitled to work the five-quarter seam, under verbal arrangement made in 1884, and his claim was made in respect of the main seam worked by the defendants. The defendants did not deny working the main coal, but contended that the arrangement was that each party should work the whole of the coal, and that which they had done was with the consent of the plaintiff. The evidence showed that the plaintiff was aware of the defendants' workings, and had received, from time to time, royalties on the coal in question, and had made no complaint except on one occasion, when a meeting of the parties took place, the result of which was that the defendants were allowed to continue the working of the main coal. In delivering judgment, the learned judge said that the evidence of the plaintiff and his witnesses was not distinct as to the arrangement made, whilst on the other hand, the evidence of Mr Robson, the manager for the defendants, was clear. No complaints had been made when the accounts of royalties were sent in, and it was perfectly incredible that the defendants should go on working the coal in dispute for the profit of the plaintiff; he should therefore give a verdict for the defendants, with costs. Mr Atkinson, QC, and Mr Manisty, instructed by Messrs Maw, Teale, and Thomlinson, Bishop Auckland, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr Kershaw, QC, and Mr Yarborough Anderson, instructed by Messrs W. and W.J. Watson, Barnard Castle, for the defendant company.

Mr Scarth: Why did they marry?
Mr Barningham: it is one of those improvident marriages which no one can explain.
Mr Stainton: It is the old story—the mother-in-law.
The Chairman said the feeling of the Bench was that a little irritation had been caused, as was often the case before people settled down to married life. It was not such a case of aggravated assault as would warrant the court in granting a separation order, and he counselled reconciliation. The defendant would be bound over in his own recognizances of £5 to keep the peace, and he hoped they would hear of a good husband and good wife in the future.

Property sale at Barnard Castle.—On Wednesday last, at Mrs Cleminson's, Turk's Head Hotel, Barnard Castle, Mr J.B. Deacon, auctioneer, Gainford, offered for sale a freehold dwelling house with yard, garden and outoffices thereto belonging, situate in Borrowdale's Yard, Thorngate. The premises which are let off in two tenancies, to Mr R. Stout and another person, were described as being in good repair, outbuildings good and commodious, with a garden measuring 15 by 9 yards in front of same. There was a good attendance at the sale but the bidding was confined to three individuals, Messrs Walker, Oliver and Langstaff, who offered respectively £60, £65, and £70. At the latter sum the property was knocked down to Mr Thomas Langstaff of Stainton.

BOWES MUSEUM

A meeting of the committee was held on Thursday, when there were present Messrs Richardson, Hepworth, Burn, Smith, Bainbridge, Brass, and Hilton.

The reports of the trustees' last two meetings were read, as reported in the "Teesdale Mercury," whereby it appeared a plan for the governing body, proposed by Mr Western, and which had been circulated amongst the trustees, was discussed, and the consideration of it adjourned.

A letter was read from Mr Barker, regretting his inability to be present, but he would bring the subject before the Urban Council.

It was resolved that the following resolutions be sent to the Charity Commissioners:—The committee learn with regret that the Trustees of the Bowes Museum have not yet applied to the Charity Commissioners for a scheme to enlarge the governing body; and urge the commissioners forthwith to take all necessary steps for the purpose, and prepare a scheme in accordance with the memorial forwarded by this committee in February last. 2. That Mr Western be asked to forward, for the consideration of the committee, a copy of the proposals he had drawn up for enlarging the governing body."

Next meeting
That another meeting be called on receiving Mr Western's reply.

Magical show

On Saturday night a very amusing and interesting entertainment was given by Mr Blackett, Westwick Lodge, and Mr Chipchase, Cotherstone, with a magic lantern, to the inmates of the Barnard Castle workhouse, the spacious Board-room being well filled, about 120 inmates and friends being present. At the close a very hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr Blackett and Mr Chipchase by Mr Brass in very felicitous terms, and seconded by Mr Smith, with a hope that it would not be very long before the above-named gentlemen would give them a similar entertainment. Mr Blackett returned thanks on behalf of himself and Mr Chipchase, and said it was a pleasure to them both to give them such an entertainment, and would only be too glad to come again at some future time. The inmates and all seemed to enjoy it very much, which was shown by their frequent applause.

Unitarian Church, Barnard Castle.

A lecture was given in the Unitarian Church, by the Rev W.H. Lambelle, his subject being, "Was Jesus a Unitarian?" The lecturer showed unquestionable ability in treating his subject, being well versed in the scriptures. He has been on the controversial platform for 18 years, and has spoken in most of our large towns. A course of lectures will be given of Bible themes, when enlightenment may be expected.

Wesleyan School, Barnard Castle.

T. G. Rutherford and W.J. Mole, of the Wesleyan School, have been awarded St John's Scholarships at the North Eastern County School. T. Rutherford and F. Wilson, who have these scholarships for two years, have been offered, on the recommendations of the Head Master, an extra year's tuition. These two boys also were prepared in the Wesleyan School.