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IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

WEDNESDAY.

In the House of Lords the debate was continued on the second reading of the Territorial and Reserve Forces Bill. In the House of Commons the debate on the question of the House of Lords was concluded. The Labour party's amendment in favour of the abolition of the Second Chamber was rejected by a majority of 215, and the Prime Minister's resolution was adopted by a majority of 285.

THURSDAY.

In the House of Lords questions were raised and discussions ensued upon the situation of affairs in British East Africa, intimidation in Ireland so far as it related to the sale of estates, and the repatriation of the Chinese in South Africa. In the Commons Mr. Birrell introduced a Bill for the reinstatement of evicted tenants in Ireland. The House afterwards went into Committee of Supply and discussed the Board of Trade Vote, when Mr. Lloyd-George mentioned that commercial agents were to be appointed for the Colonies, and that committees of inquiry were investigating trade questions both at home and abroad. On the Home Office Vote it was announced that an amicable arrangement had been come to between the department and Messrs. Kynoch regarding the works of the latter at Arklow.

FRIDAY.

In the House of Commons the Telegraph (Money) Bill, which authorises the raising of £6,000,000 for the extension of the Post Office Telephone system, was read a second time, as were also the Australian States Constitution Bill and the Evidence (Colonial Statutes) Bill.

MONDAY.

In the House of Lords, there was a discussion on the subject of Irish land purchase. Viscount Midleton asked questions with regard to the present and future strength of the Horse and Field Artillery, and the replies of Lord Portsmouth and Lord Elgin were subsequently described by Lord Lansdowne as disquieting. In the Commons the Finance Bill was discussed, and several amendments proposed. On one relating to a suggested reduction of the tea duty, the Government majority fell to 59. On the motion for the consideration of King Edward's Hospital Fund Bill, which was ordered for third reading, eloquent tribute was paid to the interest taken by the Royal Family in the fund and to the great value of their association with it.

SEVERE THUNDERSTORM IN CORNWALL.

Violent thunderstorms, with heavy damage, were experienced in various parts of the country on Saturday and Sunday, involving destruction of property, killing of cattle, and injuries to persons.

HOUSE FIRED AT FALMOUTH.

During Sunday's storm a flash of lightning struck the gaspipe in the lavatory of Bellfield, Woodlane, the residence of Lady Fayrer. The woodwork was ignited and the water-pipe burst.

DWELLING-HOUSE WRECKED AT ST. STEPHENS.

About 3 p.m. on Sunday a thunderbolt fell close to a house at Carwalsick, near Terras, inhabited by a man named Blatchford, with his wife and family. It struck the base of a huge elm tree, and passed through the wall of the building, near the foundation, to the interior. Then it traversed the kitchen and went out at the windows. The kitchen was occupied by Mrs. Blatchford, her eldest son, and two little children. One of the children received a cut over the left eye by falling plaster, and pictures and furniture were hurled to the ground.

The telephone apparatus at Churchtown, belonging to Mr. G. S. Richards, was damaged, and the lightning shattered the chimneys, and a cottage occupied by Mr. R. Cundy, and a house inhabited by Mrs. Willoughby were so shaken that all the launders fell down.

HOUSE AT MABE STRUCK.

A house occupied by Mr. John Vincent, at Ennis, near Longdowns, was struck by lightning on Sunday. The fluid entered an outhouse and struck the wall of the kitchen, making three distinct holes through a very thick wall into the kitchen. It forced out the fireplace and knocked over two kettles of boiling water, smashed to pieces a large bowl, broke a pane of glass in the kitchen window, and made a hole between the joints of a granite floor. It also ripped one of the boots of young John Vincent and caused discolouration about the size of half-a-crown on his ankle. Mr. Vincent was thrown to the ground, but escaped injury.

ST. COLUMB.

On Sunday some heavy rain fell, preceded by loud peals of thunder, and some flashes of lightning.

CHACEWATER.

This locality was visited on Sunday by a terrific thunderstorm, accompanied by very vivid lightning, and rain fell in torrents.

PENRYN.

A very heavy thunderstorm broke over the borough on Sunday at about noon, and lasted for several hours. The lightning was very vivid, and was accompanied by loud peals of thunder, torrents of rain, and a very heavy shower of hail. The rainfall was such as to cause the drains to overflow. The water rushed down the several side streets, and caused considerable damage to the roads. With the exception of the loss of some poultry no personal damage has been reported.

MERTHER.

A terrific thunderstorm broke over this district on Sunday. When at its height the lightning struck a large elm tree on Ventongollan Farm, igniting it at the base, and the tree was burnt to the ground.

ST. ISSEY.

A slight thunderstorm was experienced at St. Issey on Sunday afternoon.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL.

A severe thunderstorm, accompanied by vivid lightning and heavy rain and hailstones, came over this hamlet on Sunday at noon, and lasted for hours. This is the most severe storm known for many years. No damage is known to have been done at the time of writing.

HELSTON.

On Sunday a thunderstorm broke over the town at mid-day, and lasted for three hours. The lightning was unusually vivid, and it rained incessantly. Several of the principal streets were flooded, and in the lower part of the town several dwelling houses suffered from the inrush of water.

Connor Downs Show.

A poultry show, athletic sports, clay pigeon shooting, and horse and donkey races were held at Connor Downs, Gwinear, on Thursday. Mr. A. F. Basset was the president; Mr. J. Carkeek, hon. secretary; and Mr. J. Prout, treasurer. Messrs. Sydney Climas and James Phillips (Redruth) were the judges. Awards:—

Wyandotte, gold or silver, cock or hen—1 and special, N. H. Reed, Launceston; 2, J. H. Smitheram; 3, W. Heyden, Redruth.

Old English—1 and special, Miss M. J. Carkeek; 2 and 3, W. Hosking.

Plymouth Rock, barred cock or hen—1 and special, 2, and 3, E. Penprase, Redruth.

Leghorn, any colour, cock or hen—2, N. Branch; 3, Mrs. Pendarvis, Camborne.

Minorca, cock or hen—1 and special, J. Frayn, Launceston; 2, W. T. Chappell, Penzance; 3, H. Mitchell, St. Agnes.

Any other variety, cock or hen—1 and 3, W. Heyden.

Selling, £1, cock or hen—2, A. Ford and Son, Camborne; 3, W. Jackson, Camborne.

Selling, 10s., cock or hen—1, H. Temby, Tuckingmill; 2, A. Ford and Son; 3, J. Uren, Camborne.

Bantams, Indian, cock or hen—1, 2, and 3, H. Temby.

Bantams, Malay, cock or hen—1, special, and 3, Champion Bros., Camborne.

Bantams, any other variety—1, A. Ford and Son; 2, Mrs. Pendarvis, Camborne; 3, T. H. Heyden, Redruth.

ATHLETIC EVENTS (OPEN).

2-mile cycle race—1, J. H. Chynoweth, Grampound-road; 2, B. Carkeek, Connor Downs; 3, C. F. Chenoweth, Grampound-road.

100 yards flat race—1, B. Barrett, Lostwithiel; 2, Trevaskis, Lelant; 3, Hambly, Hayle.

High jump—1, B. Barrett, Lostwithiel; 2, J. Trevaskis, Lelant; 3, R. Stephens.

440 yards flat race—1, J. Trevaskis; 2, B. Barrett; 3, T. R. Hosking, Hayle.

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220 yards flat race for boys under 15—1, P. Pearce; 2, C. Gregory; 3, A. Rowe.

220 yards flat race for girls under 15—1, M. Richards; 2, J. Carkeek; 3, B. Carn.

Horse race, not to exceed 15 hands—1, E. Ellis, Newlyn (Slippery, T. Chappell); 2, H. Pooley, Camborne (Bennetts); 3, G. Hosken, St. Buryan (Actress, F. Wills).

Pony race, not to exceed 13.2 hands—1, E. Ellis; 2, H. Bawden, Illogan; 3, C. Wills, Penzance.

Donkey chaise race—1, F. Hampton, Redruth; 2, N. J. Johns, Camborne; 3, J. R. Clarke, Connor Downs.

Donkey shown in harness—Special, F. Hampton, Redruth.

Clay pigeon shooting—1, H. B. Bramble, Connor Downs; 2, F. J. Williams, Crowan; 3, J. Lawry, Camborne.

Helston Town Council.

The Mayor (Mr. H. Toy) presided at Helston Town Council on Wednesday evening week. The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Taylor) reported that all the deaths during the month were of persons over 65 years of age. — The Council resolved to include cerebro spinal meningitis among notifiable diseases.—Mr. Cade objected to the Borough Surveyor inspecting the repairs at one of the Corporation tenements, on the ground that he was inspecting his son's work. He moved that an independent man be employed to inspect the work, but this was not seconded. — Mr. P. R. Perring was elected a representative on the District Education Committee.

Mr. Cade reported that Mr. Eva, of Tregarrock Farm, had enclosed a portion of Black Downs, and had erected a barbed wire fence.—The Surveyor said about 270 yards had been enclosed. He understood the centre of the river there was the boundary. The Town Clerk, however, said the award stated the boundary at Black Downs was the fence of Tregarrock. The matter was referred to the Farms Committee to report.

The Mayor was granted permission to place in the Council Chamber a photograph of the recent civic procession in connection with the visit of the Lord Mayor of London on Flora-day.—The Mayor said he had received an account in connection with the scroll presented to the Lord Mayor, with the freedom of the borough.—Mr. Perring moved that it be paid.—Mr. J. Toy seconded.—Mr. Cade protested against the money being taken from the rates, and moved an amendment, which was not seconded.—The resolution was carried.

The case of an elderly workman, injured some three or four months ago, was brought up by Mr. J. Toy, and the matter was relegated to the committee who deal with the insurances.—Mr. Taylor thought it an unwise thing to engage old men, stating that large firms would not engage men over forty.—Mr. Cade pointed out that even the old men had to live.—The matter dropped.

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Funeral of Mr. James Hart, of St. Day.

The inhabitants of St. Day were startled to hear on Thursday morning that Mr. Jas. Hart had passed away suddenly through the night.

Mr. Hart was 76 years of age, and for 27 years had been collector of poor rates and taxes in the parish of Gwennap, resigning about four years ago, when his son, Mr. Fred Hart, succeeded him. He took intense interest in the town and parish matters, and an equal interest in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He filled the offices of circuit steward, trustee, and class leader. In 1853 he went to Australia, and spent several years in the Ballarat Goldfields, returning to St. Day about 35 years ago. The funeral took place on Sunday, and notwithstanding a thunderstorm which was raging, was largely attended. The coffin was of unpolished oak, with shell enclosed, and had heavy brass mountings. The Rev. W. T. Martyn officiated in the church, assisted by the Rev. S. Williams, Wesleyan minister, who read the lesson. The chief mourners were Mr. F. J. Hart (son), Mrs. W. Davey (daughter), J. Davey and Nora Davey (grandchildren), Mr. W. Davey (son-in-law), Mrs. F. J. Hart (daughter-in-law), Mr. A. H. Trevena (nephew), Mrs. Higgins (niece), Mr. R. H. Chynoweth, Mrs. Trevena, Mr. Higgins, Mrs. J. T. Letcher, Mr. J. T. Letcher, Mr. Firth, Rev. A. S. Williams, Mr. W. J. Trebilcock, Mr. J. P. Richards, and Mr. J. Mabbott. The members of the Parish Council and the members of the Wesleyan Trust attended, and the senior members acted as bearers. There were beautiful wreaths from sympathising friends.

Why is a pig in a parlour like a house on fire?—Because the sooner it is put out the better.

TRURO MERCANTILE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of Truro Mercantile Association was held on Monday evening, the Mayor (Mr. W. F. Clarke) in the chair. There were also present Messrs. J. J. Hawken, J. White, W. Bryant, H. Rice, E. A. Heard, J. J. Cook, S. J. Ingram, S. Warwick, W. G. Goodfellow, and J. Lean (hon. sec.).

The question of forming a Mutual Plate Glass Insurance Company was discussed, and it was pointed out that tradespeople might effect a saving in premium by the formation of a local company.—The Mayor said there was some feeling against the proposal, as several of the members were agents for insurance companies, and Mr. Bryant thought Truro was scarcely large enough to run a company of its own.—It was decided to get the articles of association of the South of England Mutual Plate Glass Insurance Co., which declared a dividend every fifth year, and in 1905 paid a dividend of fifty per cent.

Mr. Grant, Divisional Superintendent of the Great Western Railway Company, wrote that he was unable to permit passengers holding market tickets to return from Redruth to Truro by the 4.40 train from Penzance, as it was a heavy and important train.—The Railway Company further wrote that the conditions of the road, in the matter of width and gradients, was such as to preclude the possibility of running a motor omnibus service between Truro and St. Just-in-Roseland.—Mr. Rice: They go over a lot worse ones.

Mr. Rice said if the Corporation had been alive they would have seen the embankment at Coronation-terrace "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever."—The Mayor replied that the Council had been waiting to decide the terms for acquiring the land, and he believed that had been settled. — Mr. Heard said they might ask the Corporation how the matter stood, and Mr. Rice added that Mr. Heard, who had offered to lay out the land and keep it for two years, was anxious to serve the present generation.

Mr. Ingram proposed that a committee be formed to consider the question of developing Truro as a loading port. Steamers which discharged there had to go to Fowey, Charlestown, Pentewan, and other ports to get a return cargo, and there was no reason why, with the expenditure of a little money, Truro should not be developed as a loading port as well as a port of discharge only.—The Mayor said the difficulty had been with the railway, the clay people saying they would be obliged to have different sized wheels to the trucks.—Mr. Heard seconded, and a subcommittee was appointed to bring up a report on the matter.

Mr. Heard said many of them subscribed to the Volunteer Band, but they had never been able to get a dissected balance-sheet, showing what had been paid by the corps or the officers, what the Band had earned, and whether they got a fair return for their subscriptions.—Mr. Warwick said the Band was a military organisation, and the balance-sheet would go before the officers, but that Association would have no locus standi in asking for a Balance-sheet. The officers would resent that sort of thing.—Mr. Heard: If they ask for subscriptions they should have the courtesy to give a balance-sheet. The men themselves have never been able to get a true account. Mr. Heard added that they ought to have some return for the money they subscribed, and the sooner an effort was made to command the services of a band the better.—Mr. Rice: They give us some return for our money.—Mr. Heard: I think it is not an adequate return.—The Mayor thought the Band ought to give more return for the money subscribed by the public, and he would like to see some steps taken to provide a band for the city.—Mr. Rice thought it would be well to ascertain what public performance the Band were supposed to give in return for the public subscriptions, but no resolution was made.

Mr. Heard complained that the letters from West Cornwall by the evening mail were not delivered in business hours; he did not get his until 7.45.—Mr. Goodfellow: I don't know how many deliveries you hope for.—Mr. J. J. Hawken: The train is not in until seven o'clock.—It was pointed out that Truro could not have the facilities for later posting to London and an earlier delivery from West Cornwall.

Funeral of Mr. Glendenning Blamey.

The remains of Mr. Glendenning Blamey, of West Trevarth, were interred in Gwennap Churchyard on Wednesday week, the Rev. J. C. F. Brindley officiating. The deceased returned home from South Africa about three or four years ago, and resided at Trevarth. About twelve months ago he showed symptoms of phthisis, and passed away at the age of 29 years, universally respected and beloved. There was a large attendance at the funeral. The chief mourners were Mr. P. Blamey (father), Mrs. Glen. Blamey (widow), Mr. A. Blamey (brother), Mrs. R. P. Gould (sister), Mr. Bert Blamey (brother), Miss Louie Blamey (sister), Mr. S. S. Whitburn (father-in-law), Miss G. Blamey (sister), Mr. R. P. Gould, Miss Lena Blamey (sister), Mr. Polglase, Miss Lily Whitburn, Mr. W. Davey, Miss Ada Whitburn, Mr. T. D. Jenkins, and Mrs. Bilkey. Amongst the beautiful wreaths were:—"To dear Glen., in ever loving memory," from Annie; "In loving memory of Glen," from father, mother, brother, and sisters; "Just a token of love, dear Glen," from May and Dick; "In loving memory of Glen," from Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Whitburn; "With deepest sympathy," from all at Penarth; "In loving memory," from Jack and Nora; "In affectionate remembrance," from Cousin Ettie and son; "With deepest sympathy," from Mr. W. and A. Davey; "Deepest sympathy," from Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gould, and Jack; "Deep felt sympathy," from Mrs. Joseph Mills; "Deep sympathy," from Mr. Towan; "In loving memory," from Mrs. J. Blamey, Maud and Lily.

Funeral of Mr. Thos. Peters, of Comford

The remains of Mr. Thomas Peters were interred in Gwennap Churchyard on the 25th ult. The deceased was a native of Stithians, and for many years the able foreman carpenter with Messrs. Trebilcock, builders, at Carharrack, but latterly the carpenter on the Trevince estate. For the past year he has been in failing health, and passed away at the age of 64 years. The mourners were Mr. Thomas Peters (son), Mrs. Glanville (daughter), Mr. Glanville (son-in-law), Mrs. Williams (daughter), Mr. Wm. Opie (nephew), Miss Annie Peters (daughter), Mr. W. J. Trebilcock, Miss Ethel Peters (daughter), Mr. Jennings, and Miss Webber. The bearers were employes on the Trevince Estate. The service was read by the Rev. J. C. F. Brindley. In addition to the wreaths from the family, were wreaths from "Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp, with respect and much sympathy," and a wreath from the Trevince household.

"GOOD HEALTH" NOTES.

CLEAN MILK.

At no time of the year are we more strongly reminded of our thoroughly unsatisfactory milk supply than during the warm season. Babies die by hundreds owing to bad milk, and adults who would find pure milk a valuable food drink, turn with disgust from the "preserved," highly coloured article, containing dust and barnyard litter, which is generally sold. . . . For efficient milk reform, for the medical examination of schoolchildren, and a score of other matters requiring attention, the country needs a Minister of Public Health in the Cabinet.

HEALTH-GIVING SUNSHINE.

Warm weather is most enjoyable when the life is natural and simple. Nature invites us in summer to cast aside superfluous things, to clear out rooms of a lot of dust-collecting bric-a-brac, and cultivate a love for the open air. Let us not be afraid of the sunshine; rather let us open wide the shutters, and let it flood our living and sleeping rooms with its health-bringing rays. Now is the time to lay up a stock of vitality against the dark, cold days of winter. Fresh air and sunshine are among the most precious gifts the bountiful Creator has bestowed upon us. Let us show our appreciation by using them to the fullest extent.

AN UNHYGIENIC CUSTOM.

The practice of kissing a copy of the Bible or New Testament on taking the oath in a court of justice is decidedly objectionable from a hygienic standpoint, and has no real basis in antiquity. It did not come into general use till the latter part of the eighteenth century, the earlier custom being to touch with the hand some part of the Holy Scriptures. The plan of taking the oath with the upraised hand is surely equally impressive, and should be adopted as decidedly preferable on the score of health. When such diseases as syphilis are communicable through simple contact, "kissing the Book" cannot but be regarded as an altogether reprehensible custom.

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THE RIVER FAL.

Trial Trip of the New Steamer.

For many years before the county of Cornwall was discovered as the happy hunting ground for holiday-seekers, the River Fal had exercised a charm over large numbers of people who made their way into the West, and among the most distinguished of these was the late Queen Victoria, who was so struck with its beauties, as to give to it the title of the English Rhine. The Fal is today one of Cornwall's finest assets, and after the very wet spring and summer which we have been experiencing, its banks never looked more thick with verdure than at the present time. It only needs the glow of sunshine to make it stand out in all its richness of foliage and varying beauty to the delight of the many visitors who to-day find their way to our Western haunts. But beautiful as the river is, it would have been but half the attraction it has proved itself to be but for the excellent steamboat service with which it is supplied. For many years the Benney family stood at the head of the caterers for the public in this regard, and the late Capt. and Mrs. Benney and their two sons, also deceased—Capts. Jim and Dan — will be remembered by many people, not in Cornwall only, but from all parts of the country, as having been associated with the pioneer steamship movement in connection with the Fal. Capt. "Dick" and Capt. "Albert" are still with us.

More recently there was a little rivalry, and the Benney fleet had a contestant in the "Victoria," of some little calibre; but the "Victoria" having been transferred to another sphere across the seas, the companies have combined, and the newest addition to the fleet is the "Princess Victoria," which ran her trial trip on Thursday. She is a very pretty boat, symmetrical, and commodious. She is not built for speed, but for the accommodation and comfort of passengers who desire to have a quiet trip down a river illustrious for the beauty of its wooded slopes, its picturesque creeks, and generally beautiful surroundings. She will accommodate 380 passengers, being slightly broader than her predecessors, and being fitted with a spacious upper deck.

There was a large company on board on Thursday, on the invitation of the River Fal Steamship Company, but the weather was unfortunately wet, and otherwise unpropitious, at times obscuring the beauties of the river. But the company had come on board chiefly to inaugurate the service of the new addition to the fleet, and neither weather nor anything else seems to have damped their ardour. Beneath the covering of the upper deck tea was served soon after Truro Quay was left, and under the superintendence of Mr. T. A. Webber, the wants of all were duly satisfied, and the comforts of all were thoroughly looked after.

While these sociable conditions ruled on deck, there was a "sound of rivalry" below, for there a gathering of those associated with the company, and of representatives of Falmouth, Truro, and Penryn, chiefly served by the fleet, was joining in mutual congratulations, and wishing the new vessel success. The Mayor of Truro (Mr. W. F. Clarke), who, all through his Mayoralty, has known how to say a few words to the point in the best possible advantage, said he could not allow the occasion to pass without submitting to them the toast of "Success to the Princess Victoria." He and others, as citizens of Truro, were very glad to have that additional accommodation for the river excursion traffic, and they could regard the s.s. Princess Victoria as not only catering for the pleasure of visitors, but as being the means of bringing business to both Truro and Falmouth. He wished all success to her owners, and also to her worthy captain.

The Mayor of Penryn (Mr. J. Powell) also said he was very glad to support the toast, and to endorse what had been said by the Mayor of Truro. As Mayor of Penryn he was very pleased to be present, and to express the hope that the new ship would prove a success as a business enterprise.

Mr. Whitworth (Truro) cordially endorsed what had been said by the Mayors of Truro and Penryn. He was sure that if they offered greater facilities the trade would develop to the opportunities afforded, and the River Fal Steamship Company in providing greater facilities for tourist traffic were in their way public benefactors. The River Fal was one of the great attractions for tourists, and the new boat, if they had anything like ordinary weather—and not the extraordinary weather they had been experiencing of late—would ensure visitors going away full of praise of Falmouth and the river, and perhaps with a word or two in praise of Truro. He was glad they were becoming more fully alive to the importance of developing tourist traffic, and he was sure that there was a period of unbounded prosperity for Cornwall as a tourist resort. He heartily wished the new boat success.

It was only natural that Capt. Wilce (Truro Harbour Master) should have a word to say. He said he had been associated with the river for twenty years, and had known the Benneys and Mr. Rowe, and he was sure they had the traffic at heart for the benefit of the county. Truro Corporation was fully alive to the fact that there was to be an increasing traffic, and had begun to improve the Truro end of the journey by widening the approach and deepening the water, which he was sure would add very much to the benefit of the steamers. The quay would be now kept exclusively for the benefit of the tourist traffic, and before long he hoped they would have a machine to register the number of passengers going on board the steamers. They wanted to give people more standing and sitting room, and as they could not increase their boats in length, it would be necessary to increase the breadth even more than in the "Princess Victoria." If they had had the present boat three feet wider they would have had a splendid ship, and could have dealt with the traffic with one boat.

The toast having been received enthusiastically, Mr. William Rowe, in response, thanked them for their good wishes. Nothing succeeded without the good-will of the community, and it appeared that the Princess Victoria had that good-will. Before the boat started the Mayor of Falmouth came and expressed his good wishes, and said he would gladly have joined the trip, but that he was prevented by another engagement. He was glad the Mayors of Truro and Penryn were present, as well as other citizens of both places. The dimensions of the steamer had been carefully studied; they had gone in for gradual improvement, and when they remembered the old paddle steamers which sometimes used to keep people on the river all night they would agree that this new boat was a great advance on its predecessors. They had in the Princess Victoria a steamer which would carry 380 people, and with the other steamer working he thought they would be able to meet the requirements of the travelling public. Visitors were constantly increasing. During the last season there was such a rush of visitors to Cornwall that steamers and hotels were fully occupied, and with the Great Western Railway Company booming the county they might expect a continual increase. Nine-tenths of the people visiting Truro or Falmouth took the opportunity of going up or down their beautiful river, and they must give visitors every facility to explore the beauties of their county.

Capt. A. E. Benney, who also replied, said the new boat, being of much shallower draught, could run more trips on the mid-day tide. With the other boat carrying 250, and the new boat 380, he believed they could now deal with all the traffic.—Mr. Davies also responded, remarking that if Falmouth became a port of call for the liners, and the Americans saw the beauties of the river, the Yankees would be coming across like a flock of sheep.

The speeches over, there was a reunion on deck, the "Princess Victoria" showing something of her capabilities in the matter of speed in her trip across the harbour. She is not only commodious and comfortable, but considerably faster than her compeers, and is a first class addition to the accessories of the river.

MARRIAGEABLE MAIDS.

Sensible men are of opinion that no maid should be accounted eligible for marriage who has not a sound idea of practical cooking. Thousands of young Englishwomen are, just at present, giving special attention to the cooking of currants, this fruit having been proved by recent analysis to contain a remarkable amount of nutriment. Currant cakes, puddings, and pastries are on almost every table, and Currant Bread—thinly sliced to bring out the flavour of the fruit—is one of the most popular and palatable of health-foods.

Looe Unionist Club.

A meeting was held in the Looe Guildhall on Saturday evening to extend the operations of the local Unionist organisation at Looe, and to form a Constitutional Association, which will embrace not only the polling district of Looe, but the whole of the area on that side of the division, as a preliminary to the establishment of a Constitutional Club. Mr. John White (Polvellan) was elected president of the association, and a Provisional Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the formation of the club and association. The following were appointed vice-presidents:—Dr. Christopher Childs, Dr. Webb, Dr. Adams, Mr. J. C. Lang (Fieldhead), Mr. R. A. Peter, jun., and Mr. Merryman.

LOCAL NEWS.

The annual regatta at Mevagissey will be held to-day (Thursday).

Mr. George G. Pearce, postman, has received a silver teapot from the Lelant Post Office staff, of which he was a member for several years, as a wedding gift.

The following changes have taken place in the Cornwall County Police:—Inspector Kitto, from Tywardreath to Fowey; Sergt. Matthews, from Newlyn West to Tywardreath; P.C. Symons, from Heamoor to Redruth; P.C. Cleave, to Newlyn from Boscaswell; P.C. Ley from Helston to Chyandour; and P.C. Cowling, from Chyandour to Crowlas.

PENZANCE.

The new Wesleyan Chapel at Richmond, Penzance, will be opened about November.

West Cornwall Steamship Company at Penzance on Thursday confirmed the resolution passed to voluntarily wind up the company.

A weekly free-will offering scheme has been introduced at St. Mary's Church, Penzance. The sum of £205 a year has to be raised for church expenses; £170 for assistant clergy fund, and a pension of £125 to the former vicar. Of this £500 the curate (the Rev. C. F. Rogers) pays £190 a year, leaving £310 to be raised elsewhere. Other branches of church work require about £200 per annum more, and the present collections and subscriptions are not sufficient for this. Already sixty members have been involved under the new scheme, and their contributions, paid weekly, will amount to about £50 a year.

CAMBORNE.

A man named Parker, residing at William-street, pushed his arm through a pane of glass, and the arteries were so seriously cut that Dr. Blackwood ordered his removal to Redruth Miners' Hospital.

Maud Crocker, domestic, was charged at Camborne on Thursday with obtaining boots and shoes value 14s. 10d., from John Richards, shoe merchant, of Camborne, by false pretences.—Mr. Richards said accused asked for a pair of boots and a pair of shoes on approval for Mrs. Bickle, Beacon Hill, her mistress.—Prisoner, who pleaded not guilty, denied that she had had the shoes, etc., under false pretences, and she repeated the statements that she told the prosecutor they were for Miss Crocker. She was fined 20s. and 18s. costs, or fourteen days' hard labour.

PERRANARWORTHAL.

Mr. Thomas Simmons, of Mylor Downs, has a hen which has laid an egg containing three yolks.

In consequence of the continued showery state of the weather, the ingathering of the strawberries in this parish is very much affected, many of the berries becoming rotten for the want of sunshine. It is reported that the gardeners of this special fruit will sustain considerable loss.

During the past session a shorthand class was conducted in the Perranarworthal Council Schools by Mr. C. James, of Comford, under the County Technical Instruction Committee, and it has been attended by a large number of pupils, and so enthusiastic were they in their work, that they have been successful in gaining seven elementary and five speed certificates. Such results should be highly gratifying to the managers and county authorities. Mr. James is evidently a painstaking teacher. The examination was conducted by Messrs. J. J. Blackburn, Jno. Bishop, and Jeremiah Millett (managers), E. J. Thomas, and Arthur G. Philp, as the Attestation Committee, with the following results: — Pitman's elementary certificates, Emmie Bishop, Margaretta Bishop, Winifred Paul, Montague Gill, Willie Richards, James Harris, and Stanley Kent; speed certificates (60 words per minute) to Clara Rooke and Ewart Millett; speed (80 words) to James Lean and Lornie Edwards; and speed (100 words) to Phil Collins.

BODMIN.

Mr. Frank Humphrys (eldest son of the Rev. W. Humphrys, rector of Helland) was married in India a short time ago, and is spending a portion of his honeymoon in this country. To mark the home-coming the Rev. W. and Mrs. Humphrys entertained the school children and parishioners at tea on Thursday, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Humphrys were presented by the parishioners with a fine polished oak writing cabinet.

A pupils' concert was given by Mr. H. M. Lamerton on Thursday evening. The Mayor (Mr. T. Hore), who presided, said he would not go into the question as to what had led Mr. Lamerton to obtain that room. He only hoped the people who were the main cause of Mr. Lamerton's action were enjoying themselves as much as they were there that evening. Mr. Lamerton had shown that he had got a bit of grit in him; it was a manly action for a man when he was knocked down not to stay down. He should very much like to hear a sermon preached in a certain chapel on "Faith, hope, and charity." Misses M. Bate (Padstow), Lily Glover, F. Higgs (Lanlivery), K. Cross (St. Mabyn), E. Sibly (Bodmin), G. Harris (Par), G. Grose (Wadebridge), Lilian Hill (Lostwithiel), E. Halligan (St. Mabyn), Ruby Hocke, Messrs. H. M. C. Payne, J. H. Chapman, and N. C. Shelley, and Masters Harold Pellar (Wadebridge), and Morris Sturtridge (Luxulyan) took part in the programme, Mr. H. M. Lamerton accompanying.

PAR.

Par stack, the foundation-stone of which was laid on October 14th, 1864, is being pulled down. The shaft, 280 feet, is the highest in Cornwall, and took nearly two years to build, by day work. Mr. C. Capham, of Stratford, has been entrusted with the task. He started work last week, scaling the shaft by means of ladders in five hours.

ST. STEPHENS.

The members of the Nanpean, St. Stephens-in-Branwell, Cattle Insurance Society held their annual dinner on Saturday. The balance sheet showed an income of £101 3s. 9d., and expenses £59, leaving in hand £42 3s. 9d. The number of members was 115, and the total value of cattle insured £2,368 (£88 above the last valuation). The election of officers resulted:—President, Mr. J. Bullock; vice-president, Mr. A. Rickard; treasurer, Mr. J. Varcoe; secretary, Mr. J. H. Bennetto; auditor, Mr. E. J. Luke; valuers, Messrs. Neal and Baseley.

ST. ISSEY.

On Wednesday evening, last week, a Church social was held in the National Schoolroom, St. Issey. Tea was provided, the tables being presided over by Miss Wyon and Miss Trevethan, Mrs. Ball and Miss Lightfoot, Mrs. Buscombe and Mrs. Chapman, and Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. May. A smelling competition caused considerable amusement, and the following were correct with all the articles:—Mrs. W. Stone, and Misses Blake, D. Marley and B. Hawkey. These received prizes. The Rev. C. Mayhew, of Bodmin, gave a very interesting account of some of his adventures in India. A vote of thanks to all those who helped to make the social a success brought the evening to a close. In consequence of the wet weather, the proposal to make use of the vicarage lawn had to be abandoned.

LOSTWITHIEL.

At the quarterly meeting of Court 3719 A.O.F., Chief Ranger R. S. Wherry was the recipient of a Past Chief Ranger's jewel.

The Rev. C. E. Norris preached both morning and evening in St. Bartholomew's Church, Lostwithiel, in behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, on Sunday.

The vicar of Lostwithiel (Rev. R. D. Purves) is at present absent from the parish. The duties, in his absence, are being undertaken by the St. Winnow clergy.

The old railway bridge at Lostwithiel that has for so many years carried the down traffic to the west, is being overhauled, and new woodwork inserted in place of the old. All the down trains have to proceed very slowly over the bridge, which crosses the Fowey River at this point.

Freemasonry at Tywardreath.

The annual installation and festival of St. Andrew Lodge, 1151, Tywardreath, took place on Thursday, when Bro. W. Trethewey, S.W., was impressively installed W.M. for the ensuing year by W. Bro. W. Boxer, P.P. Assoc. D.C., assisted by W. Bro. Rundell, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers: J. Blackmore, I.P.M.; R. Sanzwin, S.W.; W. J. James, J.W.; W. Bro. T. Tregenza, P.M., Chap.; W. Bro. T. Kitto, P.M., Treas.; W. Bro. R. Rundell, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Wheeler, S.D.; H. Philp, J.D.; M. J. Tregaskis, I.G.; W. Strong, D.C.; J. Petherick, Org.; J. Coombe, Std.; W. E. Tregaskis, J.S.; Geo. Tremberth, Tyler. W. Bro. W. Boxer was re-appointed steward of the C.M.A. and B. Assoc., and W. Bro. W. Trethewey re-appointed steward of the C.M.C. Assoc. A stained glass window and an enlarged photograph of the late Bro. E. Hicks in an elegant frame of Derby spar, were presented to the Lodge. The latter was designed by W. Bro. Doney, and executed by the firm of Doney, Son, Watts, and Trevail. The tablet bore the inscription: "Bro. E. Hicks, who bequeathed the munificent sum of £200 to St. Andrew Lodge, 1151, for Masonic charities; Obit. 1905."

Why cannot a butcher be an honest man?—Because he steels the knives he uses.

WEST POWDER PETTY SESSIONS.

Saturday.—Before the Hon. John Boscawen and Mr. J. Hitchins.

LICENSING.

Transfers of licences were granted as follows:—White Hart Hotel, St. Agnes, from Eliza Butland to Charles Roberts; Plume of Feathers, Wheal Rose, from James Hawkey to Richard Gill; Highertown Inn, from John Burt to William Henry Stephens; and the Chiverton Arms, from John Pooley to Ernest Butland.

William Endean, of St. Agnes, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly at Goonown, on May 22nd.—P.C. Brooking said defendant had a bottle of brandy in one hand and a knife in another, and was threatening anybody who might interfere with him.—Fined 5s. and 5s. costs.

For failing to carry a light on his trap, John Francis Rickard, of Redruth, was ordered to pay 2s. 6d. and 8s. 6d. costs.—John Searle, of Newlyn East, for riding a bicycle without a light, was fined 1s. and 7s. costs.

Thomas Martin, St. Allen, was charged with being drunk and incapable at St. Erme on May 30th.—P.C. Pearce said defendant was rambling about, and when charged with being drunk, he replied, "That's it; too much beer. I don't know where I am to." On the way home defendant fell into a pool of muddy water, and if witness had not been with him he probably would have been drowned.—Fined 10s. and 5s. costs.

William Charles Bailey, Gwennap, for leaving his horse and trap unattended, was fined 5s. and 4s. 9d. costs.—For driving a horse and trap furiously, James B. Goldsworthy, of Redruth, was fined £1 and 10s. 6d. costs.

William Albert Richards, farmer, Trenerry Farm, St. Allen, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly on May 24th.—P.C. Pearce said he saw defendant in the road with his clothes disarranged and rambling about. A woman was passing at the time. When witness got up to him, defendant threw his arms about, started "romancing" (shouting and swearing), and put up his fists, saying witness must not interfere with him. Witness charged him with being drunk, and advised him to go home quietly. Defendant's manner became so threatening that witness had to walk in front of him.—In cross-examination by Mr. Percy Pearce, of Plymouth, he denied that defendant was walking with Mrs. Trevail when he first saw him, and he denied asking a woman to sign a paper saying defendant was drunk because it would help him out. Witness saw defendant in a public-house at 3.30, and when he saw defendant in the alleged drunken condition on the highway it was 6.30.—Mr. Pearce asked for the production of the police report, but Supt. Sparkes said this was a most unusual request.—After consultation with the clerk, the Chairman said they considered the document a confidential one between the Superintendent and the constable.—Mr. Pearce said if his instructions were correct, the matter would not probably end there, and he asked that the document be impounded and a note taken of the refusal to produce it.

Mrs. Clara Hooper, schoolmistress, who passed defendant immediately before the constable saw him, said she saw nothing wrong with Richards, who was not staggering, but was walking along the road talking to Mrs. Trevail. When the constable asked her to go to Truro and give evidence, she said before deciding she would rather consult her husband. Pearce said "You need not take any notice of him; he might not want you to go. If you go in and say Mr. Richards was drunk I can work my case."—A man named Duff proved the presence of defendant in a public-house at 3.30 on the same day, when there was nothing to lead him to suppose he was intoxicated, and P.C. Warren, of Newlyn East, said he saw him in the same house at half-past one.

Mr. Pearce, for the defence, said his witnesses would trace defendant's doings from 12 o'clock up until 7.30 the same day, and their evidence would prove that he was perfectly sober. If the story those 13 witnesses would tell was true, the constable who had given evidence was no longer a fit member of the constabulary. The case was one of a very grave public importance. It was unsafe, dangerous, and detrimental to the interests of the public if a person was to be convicted of a charge, however trivial, upon the uncorroborated, contradicted testimony of a constable. Defendant's presence in the public-house at the hours named was due to the fact that business called him close to the house at those times.

Two of the 13 witnesses for the defence having been called, the Bench consulted and dismissed the case.

Truro Congregational Church.

The Rev. Arthur Baker, M.A. (Oxon), for the past five years minister of the Brotherhood Church (Congregational), Southgate-road, London, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Truro Church, rendered vacant fifteen months ago by the resignation of the Rev. W. W. Foulston, B.A., B.D. Mr. Baker, who hopes to commence his ministry on September 1st, is a son of the late Major - General William Adolphus Baker, R.E., Under - Secretary of State for the Presidency of Bombay. Lieut. - Colonel Baker, of the Royal Artillery, and Lieut.-Colonel Baker, of the R.E., are brothers. The family possesses some slight association with the Duchy, Mr. Baker being a nephew of the late Mr. Adolphus W. Young, the Liberal M.P. for Helston from 1874-80. Mr. Baker, who was born in 1863, and educated at Clifton and Balliol Colleges, has had a most varied and useful career. The Bishop of Hereford, whose pupil he was at Clifton, says of him: "He is a man of unusual gifts and high attainment," and the late Rev. B. Jowett, Master of Balliol, under whom he worked at Oxford, pronounced him a "really able and distinguished man." In 1880 Mr. Baker passed third in the Indian Civil Service, and for a time did law reporting for the India Office, and studied Eastern languages. He has passed examinations in eleven different languages, and taught a twelfth. In 1881 that appointment was relinquished to join the Salvation Army. He opened the campaign in Salford, and did much pioneer work. Doubtless this experience helped him to gain that knowledge of and sympathy with the problems of social life which has since characterised him. From 1888-94 he was classical master at the Independent College, Taunton, under the Rev. F. W. Aveling, M.A., B.Sc. Mr. Aveling describes him as a "thorough classic." While at Taunton Mr. Baker lectured and preached at many churches in the West. He has a recognised position as an author in educational circles, having written "Latin Prose for London Students" (Bell and Sons), "Outlines of Logic, Psychology, and Ethics" (Rivington's), and contributed largely to the "Times" and other journals, and the Labour papers. An enthusiastic temperance advocate and social reformer, he has been connected with many experiments in co-operative communities, and has written three booklets for "The New Moral World Series," viz.: "Plea for Communism," "Shakers and Shakerism," and "Brook Farm Experiment." He has also been concerned in the English publication of works by Tolstoy, has worked on committees with Ruskin, and been associated with men of diverse opinion and nationality. He is a keen chess player, and a member of the executive of the Southern Counties Chess Union. He has won the Russel Cup at the City of London Club, and this year was placed third for the Murton Cup. With all this scholarship, the new pastor of the Truro Congregational Church is no mere bookworm. His experience of life in its many phases—his intimate knowledge of the masses in our great towns, his passionate ardour for the cause of the people—all are expressed and summarised in his sense of responsibility as a Christian minister. A sentence from the letter of acceptance strikes a characteristic note: "Social effort is good, theological research is good, but the one essential thing is the marrow of religion, which is the ever fuller appropriation of the riches of Christ—the ever fuller experience of Christ within us."

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Truckling Away to Rome.

Rev. W. Veale, addressing the Falmouth Bible Christians District meeting, said it was their purpose to keep the Protestant sentiment alive. Even in Methodist Cornwall—at Gunwalloe and Cury, for example—Romish practices were openly carried on by men receiving Protestant pay. They saw the Church of England truckling away to Rome, and her Bishops powerless to deal with Ritualism.

Remarkable Unionist Progress.

Mawgan, St. Martin, Manaccan, and St. Anthony.

The re-organisation of the Unionist party in this Division, under the leadership of Mr. John Charles Williams, with Mr. C. G. Briggs as the agent, is beginning to take effect in almost every part of the constituency. During the past few weeks the movement has extended into the districts between Helford River and the Lizard. A few days ago, as reported elsewhere in our columns, a highly successful concert and meeting was held in Cury, and since then Unionist Associations have been formed in Mawgan, St. Martin, and Manaccan, including St. Anthony. In each case large enrolments of members rewarded the promoters for their efforts, and the strength of the Unionist party must have been substantially augmented by the creation of those organised bands of voluntary workers. The first of these meetings was held in Garras Schoolroom for Mawgan district, and, owing to the absence from home of Mr. J. C. Williams and Mr. Percy Williams, the gathering was presided over by Colonel Vyvyan, C.B., who is taking a keen interest in the development of the work, especially south of Helford River.

In opening the proceedings Colonel Vyvyan outlined the objects of the meeting, which were to endeavour to place the working conditions of the Unionist party in the Division on a business-like basis, and to make an organisation able to bring to the polls the full strength of the party, which was not done at the last election. The intention was to form district associations to consolidate the two wings of the party, and reverse the decision of the last election. He was of opinion that it was necessary to begin now, and not to wait until the contest was close at hand.

Mr. C. G. Briggs (Unionist Agent) gave an interesting review of the past and present condition of the Unionist party in the Division, supplemented by practical suggestions on the future working of the organisation.—On the motion of Mr. Howard Boaden, seconded by Mr. W. Reed, it was enthusiastically resolved to form a District Unionist Association, the following officers being elected:—Chairman, Colonel Vyvyan, C.B.; vice-chairmen, Messrs. W. Reed and Howard Boaden; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Bartlett; and hon. secretary, Mr. John Reed.

Colonel Vyvyan then gave an interesting address, dealing with the practical working of the party. He dealt with the motion on the House of Lords before Parliament, which was really to abolish a Second Chamber. He exhaustively reviewed the Small Holdings Bill, pointing out that those not connected with the land did not realise that there were already a large number of small holdings. Two-thirds of the holdings already were under fifty acres, and one half of those were allotments under five acres. Two opinions were prevalent on this subject—one was in favour of absolute ownership, the other in favour of tenancies. Ireland was an illustration of the conditions of the complications arising from small holdings. It was an important measure to those engaged in agriculture. Owners of land would gladly welcome small holdings if the proper equipment could be found. He was of opinion that it did not matter in whose hands the land was so long as they were able to earn a living. With regard to Preferential Tariffs they had a close and intimate connection with unemployment. He was of opinion that where distress existed a remedy should be found. He asked what had the Government done to relieve the sufferings of the twelve million people who Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had stated were on the "verge of hunger?"

Mr. Howard Boaden continued the discussion, stating the Land Question was the back-bone of the nation. The cry "Back to the land" was heard from some platforms, but practical proposals were not forthcoming. In reference to the Small Holdings Bill a return was published showing that the result of enquiries from County Councils was that more than half of them reported that they could not find tenants for the allotments available. The proposal to establish land banks really meant the "money lender," and it was useless for people to take the land without cash. Another serious point was that any deficiency was to be met out of the rates, whereas the root of the evil was the heavy burdens on the land as compared with the small rates and taxes on other kinds of investments. He hoped the land would not be treated as a party question, and in reviewing the history of the taxes on land originating in the time of Queen Elizabeth, he showed there was a vast difference between those days and the present time. At that time land was the chief source of wealth, now it was not so.

Meeting at St. Martin.

On the following evening another meeting was held in the School at St. Martin's Green, for St. Martin parish and the portion of St. Keverne around Traboe, Colonel Vyvyan in the chair. There was a good attendance.—The Chairman explained that it was advisable to place the Unionist party in the Division in a stronger position, and encourage more frequent meetings to discuss political questions.

Mr. C. G. Briggs gave a practical address on the work of the Association, after which, on the motion of Mr. Jno. Oates, seconded by Mr. Roberts, it was resolved to form a Unionist Association for the district. A large number of members were enrolled, and the following officers were elected:—Chairman, Colonel Vyvyan, C.B.; vice-chairmen, Messrs. William Oates (Roseuick) and James Williams (Carvallack); hon. treasurer, Mr. Henry Varcoe; hon. secretary, Mr. Arthur Trenerry.

Colonel Vyvyan, in addressing the meeting, stated that the present Government came into office with a great flourish, and after 18 months became a disjointed party. The Education Bill was an instance. The Government rejected the amendments, although chiefly made by their own supporters in the House of Commons. The Bill would not have satisfied anyone on its own side as it left the House of Commons. The Plural Voting Bill was rejected by the Lords because they insisted upon a larger measure of reform, and if that subject was to be touched there must be equal representation for England and Ireland. The Trades Disputes Bill was passed because it was considered to be good for the community. With regard to the resolution on the House of Lords, its object was to make a Second Chamber futile. He believed the electors would not agree that the House of Commons should be paramount. If so, a small majority in the Commons could pass a measure in haste and leave the country to repent at leisure. No one could think the resolution was seriously meant. It was a sample of the fireworks used by the present Government, who had been lavish in professions and promises, but who deferred the execution of them to some other time. In reference to Ireland, the Government Bill was rejected by the Irish Party before it was fully read, yet the Radicals were going to settle all difficulties. The question of old age pensions would not be advanced by the reductions in the Army and Navy. The discharges at Woolwich increased unemployment, and our own countrymen were compelled to go abroad to earn their living. General dissatisfaction prevailed in all our colonies. The Imperial Conference were refused considerations which they reasonably expected the Mother Country to respond to. They ought to give better treatment to the colonies than to foreign nations, and he should be glad to hear the opinions of working men and others upon the circumstances around them, and he hoped they would meet together more frequently.

Mr. Howard Boaden opened the discussion. He said matters appealed differently to different people. But the Unionist Party were the party of real progress, while the other side would pull down. He commended the new scheme to reorganise the division. He pointed out that it was now Midsummer, and only the Army Bill was passed, and that Mr. Haldane thanked the Unionists for helping him to pass it. They were often told the House of Lords was in the way, but when they rejected the Home Rule Bills the verdict of the people was with the Lords. As to the Small Holdings Bill, the Unionist leaders said that the conditions must be altered before the Bill was passed. The speaker proceeded to say that a great deal was heard about temperance at the last election, and that the Unionists were "The Beer Barrel Party." He wondered what those temperance voters who supported the Radical Party now thought about the revelations of Lord Tweedmouth, Chief of the Admiralty, owning nearly half the shares in the brewery which was supplying beer to the service.

Manaccan and St. Anthony.

On Thursday night the Unionists of this district assembled in Manaccan Schools to form an Association for Manaccan and St. Anthony. Colonel Vyvyan again presided. In referring to the objects of the meeting, he said it was to support the efforts of Mr. J. C. Williams to bring the Unionist workers in the division into line, to marshal their forces ready to bring them into battle and to concentrate working power and political opinion. He complimented Mr. Briggs on the success of his hard work in the division, and hoped everybody would loyally support the earnest efforts being put forth.—In response to a request, Mr. C. G. Briggs (Unionist agent) outlined the work of the new Association, and stated that encouraging reports were to hand from all parts of the constituency.

On the motion of Capt. Knowles, seconded by Mr. J. T. Hearle, it was decided to form a Unionist Association for that district, after which a large enrolment was made. The following officers were elected:—Chairman, Mr. W. G. Sampson; vice-chairmen, Messrs. J. T. Hearle, Chris. Oates, and J. G. Boaden; hon. treasurer, Mr. Thos. Crawford; hon. secretary, Mr. R. D. M. Paull.

Colonel Vyvyan, C.B., in addressing the meeting, said the Government was engaged upon the threat of a Constitutional struggle, because the House of Lords did not agree with the Liberal Party. The latter when in Opposition would have objected to the proposals now submitted. As to Mr. Winston Churchill's violent language against the Lords, he (the speaker) considered it was bad taste for a grandson of a Duke to say that the Lords did not constitute a national institution, but a political dodge. Colonel Vyvyan was of opinion that a Second Chamber was necessary to check heedless legislation. The House of Lords was composed of two classes, viz., the hereditary peers, and those created for services rendered to their country or influence in special directions. He asked if the Cornish peers deserved the epithets hurled by Mr. Churchill, and gave instances of members of the House of Lords whose distinguished careers and service to their country made them worthy of distinction. He commented on the reported interview with Mr. Hay Morgan, M.P., who said "the Tory Party did not wish to go to the country on the House of Lords." The speaker was of opinion that it was immaterial what question was before the country, as public opinion was rapidly changing in favour of the Unionist Party. He strongly recommended working men to read the report of the Commission of British working men who had been to Germany to examine the conditions of employment and wages in that country, and ascertain how they were affected in a Protectionist country. That Commission was unbiassed, and their findings were that the fiscal conditions of Germany were not detrimental either to wages or employment.

Mr. Howard Boaden, in a vigorous address, criticised the present Government, showing how ineffective their proposals would be, especially in relation to the land question.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Colonel Vyvyan for his presence, to Mr. Boaden for his address, and to Mr. Briggs for his valuable services to the Unionist Party.

The result of these meetings was eminently satisfactory, as considerably more than half the registered electors have joined the Association.

"Royal Cornwall Gazette" Wayzgoose.

The employes of the *Royal Cornwall Gazette* had their annual outing on Saturday to Gweek, Mullion, and Helston. Mr. W. Hitchens provided a well-appointed Jersey car, and the party started from the head office at seven. The weather was beautifully fine, and the drive in the early morning to Gweek was much enjoyed. Breakfast was served at Gweek Hotel, Mr. Peter Waters putting on a spread which won the commendation and effectually satisfied the appetites of his hungry visitors. The journey was resumed after an hour's halt, and at Mullion a few hours were pleasantly spent in and around the Cove, where lunch, in the form of Cornish pasties, was served. At four the party left for Helston, and an hour and a-half later were partaking of dinner at the Star Hotel, where Mr. F. Bragg laid a capital four-course meal. Mr. F. T. Dowsing presided, with Mr. T. Whitford in the vice-chair. The after-dinner speeches were brief and pointed.—The Chairman proposed the loyal toast and "The Proprietors," remarking that though the "Gazette" had long since passed its 100th birthday, it showed no lack of vitality, and was still first in influence. They regretted the loss by death of Mr. J. Hawke, and the continued illness of Mr. Fred Hawke, two genial comrades.—Mr. Womnop acknowledged the liberality of "The Donors," and Mr. Whitford, proposing "The Staff," testified to the good feeling and unanimity which existed in every department, Messrs. R. Mitchell and W. Seymour responding. — The healths of the Helston correspondent, who joined the company at dinner, and of the hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Gardner) were heartily drunk, and a new toast, "The Wrapper Department," proposed by Mr. Gardner, was acknowledged by the chief of that important department, who threw out suggestions for the improvement of the editorial, advertisement, and printing rooms—suggestions which were not received with the seriousness they deserved—and soundly rebuked the members of his own staff.—The youngest apprentice also responded.—Mr. J. H. Penrose proposed "Our next merry meeting," and the health of "The Host" was cordially drunk. Songs were given by Messrs. F. Evans, W. J. Braund, and A. F. Johnston, and at eight the homeward journey commenced, Truro being reached at eleven.

The Basset Mines, Ltd.

The manager (Capt. Wm. James) reports, under date June 28th, as follows:—Pascoe's shaftmen have completed the cutting down of the western end of the shaft for ventilation, and are preparing to fix plunger lift at the 280 level. As soon as this work is done we shall commence the sinking of the shaft with all dispatch. The lode in the 280 end east of Pascoe's shaft is poor; driving at £12 per fm. The lode in the 280 end west of shaft is producing a little tin; driving at £12 per fm. Stopes working under the 260 level west of Pascoe's shaft are worth £25 per fm.; stoping at 5s. per ton. The 260 end west is being driven by rock drill at £12 per fm.; lode unproductive. No. 1 rise is being put up by rock drill at £12 per fm.; lode producing a little tin. I expected we should have communicated this rise with the winze sinking under the 230 by this time. No. 2 rise is being put up by rock drill at £10 per fm.; lode worth £60. No. 3 rise is being put up over the 260 level with rock drill at £10 per fm.; lode worth £25. Stopes working over the 260 level east of Pascoe's shaft are worth £14 per fm.; stoping at 4s. 9d. per ton. The lode in the 250 end is producing a little tin, driving at £10 per fm. Stopes working under and over the 245 level are worth £20 per fm.; stoping at 4s. 9d. per ton. The lode in the winze sinking under the 230 level is worth £30 per fm.; sinking at £18 for 12ft. long. A stope working under the 230 level is worth £25 per fm.; stoping at £5. The 230 end west of Daubuz's shaft is being driven by rock drill at £10 per fm.; lode poor at present. Stopes working over the 250 level are worth £18 per fm.; stoping at 5s. per ton. The lode in the 210 end is poor; driving at £12 per fm. Stopes working over the 210 level are worth £16 per fm.; stoping at 4s. 9d. per ton. The lode in the 200 end is poor; driving at £10 per fm. The lode in the 190 end is producing a little tin; driving at £9 per fm. Stopes working under the 180 level are worth £30 per fm.; stoping at £5. The lode in the 70 end east of Carnkie shaft is producing a little tin; driving at £4 per fm. A stope working over the 70 level is worth £8 per fm.; stoping at £2 10s. The lode in the 60 end is poor; driving at £4 per fm. Stopes working over the 60 level east are worth £10 per fm.; stoping at £2 10s. A stope working west at the 60 level is worth £6 per fm.; stoping at £2 10s. The lode in the 50 end is poor; driving at £5 per fm. A stope working over the 50 level is worth £12 per fm.; stoping at £2 10s. Our new compressor is completed, and will be in full swing in a week's time. During the past four weeks we have raised and crushed 3,604 tons of tinstone, and sold 56 tons 8 cwts. 0 qrs. 15 lbs. of black tin for £6,250 2s. 4d.

Cyclists in Collision Near Penzance.

While Mr. John James, of Newlyn, was returning home on his bicycle on Monday evening, in descending the incline towards Penlee, on the outskirts of Mousehole, he collided with Mr. W. P. Grenfell, who was cycling home to Mousehole. Both were violently thrown from their machines, Mr. Grenfell sustaining bad cuts across the nose and forehead, while Mr. James met with severe gashes over one eye and on the head, which rendered him unconscious. Both bicycles were badly damaged.

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