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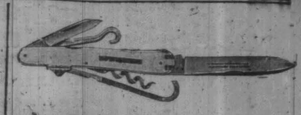

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 1900.

"AS YOU WERE."

The military phrase, "As you were," might well be applied to the *personnel* of Dunfermline Town Council. Mr David Graham, joiner, takes the place of Mr Alex. Bennet, jun., in one of the seats of the Fourth Ward, and this constitutes the only change brought about by the election. Mr Graham is a very quiet, modest man, and is not likely to bring about the revolution in the Council which some people desire. Judging from the first meeting of the old Council made new, however, a change for the better is likely to come without a big inrush of new blood. The criticisms indulged in at the Ward meetings have been accepted in the spirit of the good old words of old, "That oughtest thou to have done and not to have left the others undone," and it looks as if 1900-1 would be a year of unwonted activity. It was agreed on Friday to proceed with the stables on the Old Cattle Market site, and Mr Bell has taken the first step toward the work of cleaning out the west pond at Craigluscar. The Council will soon be able to get into close quarters with the new tenants of Townhill Colliery on the house problem. The Company has been floated under the name of the West of Fife Coal Company, and Mr Russell and Mr Rodger, who met the Property Committee in conference on the houses some weeks ago, are both directors of the new Company. The Committee should not delay meeting with the Company. The sooner some definite course is mapped out the better. The houses are devoid of the decencies of modern village life, and a protracted delay can only end in the Local Government Board appearing upon the scene and closing the houses. The case is essentially one for compromise, and if it is approached in the spirit it ought to be by both parties there should not be much difficulty in arriving at a settlement which will prove beneficial to all parties concerned.

HERE AND THERE IN THE CITY AND WEST FIFE.

Saturday was a day of heavy and bitter showers, and Sunday morning blossomed forth on an unsuspecting world as one of bright sunshine and white frost.

Rain simply poured during the whole of Monday. Tuesday morning was mild and fair.

The heavy rains of late suspended building operations occasionally, and played much damage by field flooding.

What were lovely green patches of veldt are now transformed into picturesque sheets of water which would serve admirably if frozen over as skating rinks.

Again, on Saturday night the city streets rang with the discordant notes of the semi-intoxicated.

Mr David Graham ought to feel proud of his victory in the Fourth Ward. To be placed at the top of the poll is no mean honour.

"The Victorian Era" was the topic discussed by the Co-operative Mutual Improvers on Tuesday night. The "Store's" limelight lantern was brought into requisition to illustrate the lecture.

The announcement of the business to be disposed of on Tuesday before the Fife Quarter Session has been slightly modified. Instead of "none" it now reads "To dispose of any appeals that may be lodged under the licensing Acts." This is more sensible.

Vehicular traffic was boycotted in Pilmuir Street on Monday, owing to a connection being made with the main sewer.

By the way, Pilmuir Street has an improved appearance since the barricade was removed from the front of Messrs A. Reid & Co.'s new block.

Little is heard of the new baths which are to be erected opposite. Are the competitive plans still coming in?

Laundry work for ladies is the latest form of co-operative education. A class for the purpose of teaching the work meets on Thursday evening.

Have your subscriptions ready for the Soldiers' Memorial Fund. The collector will be upon you one of these days, and he knows no denial.

Mr John Forsyth, elocutionist, will be the entertainer at the Store's pleasurable evening on Saturday first. Mr Forsyth is a very clever exponent of his art.

Crook and plaid will be the fashionable attire on Friday evening. The occasion is the Shepherds' soiree and dance.

A young and fair evangelist, in the person of Miss Glover, has been demonstrating the need for evangelistic work in the city.

Cowdenbeath is to get a new station-master. Mr Liddell, who had held the position of agent for ten years, is to be transferred to Bournemouth, near Berwick-on-Tweed.

The young idea is said to be shooting up Kelty way. Some boys have asserted their independence of the local dominie by toddling all the way to Lassodie School.

The mutiny is said to be due to too severe study in Kelty School.

It is generally supposed that with the return of Messrs M'Aughey and Holman, the Commissioners' meetings will be livelier than of yore.

Two old members and two strangers were returned to the Inverkeithing Town Council.

Before the business which Inverkeithing Town Council had to dispose of began, on Friday night, some of the members tested their strength of wind on the new brass band instruments, which were exhibited in the room in all their youthful beauty.

North Queensferry folks are wondering who the big skeleton belonged to that was unearthed the other day.

A case of furniture theft was tried in the Burgh Court last week. Three people have to suffer fourteen days' imprisonment for the "annexation."

An odoriferous nuisance in the shape of a pitch boiler made its presence felt in the High Street last week.

It was being utilised for work at the Store's new buildings. To their credit, be it said, the workmen carried through the pitching operations with commendable alacrity.

Was it a hit at the miners Mr Carlow had on Friday evening when he said that "a good many of them just went [to their work] when they felt inclined?"

Although fourteen luggage vans may have been required to carry the luggage of the occupants of nine carriages, is that any reason why the Railway Company should have tried to make a thrifty housewife pay for the carriage of her fortnight's provisions?

Jacob says he has not got an indiarubber conscience, and a wag doubts the probability of his having any—indiarubber or otherwise.

Bailie Davidson has given the Provost a mild hint "to speak his own mind."

The great question of ringing the town bell has been settled. A ringer has been advertised for.

School teachers are said to have a fondness for staying away from Beath parish. Even bigger salaries won't tempt them sometimes.

The Railway Company hold out no hope of a return to the old Wednesday afternoon cheap fares, which is just in keeping with N.B. meanness.

The Council, in their wisdom, have by a majority agreed to dispense with the services of Mr Ivison Macadam as burgh analyst. Mr Macdougald, Dundee, was appointed to the post.

What about another ratepayers' petition to the Town Council to prohibit the use of the Old Cattle Market ground as a site for the new stables? Does the Trades Council hear?

Some people took the opportunity of making themselves ridiculous in St Margaret's Hall on Wednesday evening.

One thing most of the Union speakers agreed to was the desire to unite with the Established Church. What have the Auld Kirkers to say on that?

Mr Herbert Diggle, musicseller, late of Dunfermline, was on Tuesday elected a member of Cupar Town Council.

Kelty roads and footpaths are in need of the attention of the man with the muck rake.

A duck pond was formed on Monday in the hollow a little to the north of the Gothenburg.

Sunday morning's frost was evidently much stronger to the east of the burgh than it was in Dunfermline.

One pond which had been receiving the attention of stone-throwing youths, was fairly peppered with missiles on the top of the ice. This is surely proof that the frost must have been very keen.

THE SALE OF CAPLEDRAE AND LOCHORE COAL COMPANY'S WORKS.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Lochore and Capledrae Cannel Coal Company was held on Tuesday in Dowell's Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh—Mr Aitken, Falkirk, in the chair—for the purpose of receiving a report by the directors and a committee of the shareholders passed at a meeting on the 20th ult., and, if approved, confirming the resolution then passed, sanctioning an agreement for the sale of the property and undertakings of the company to the Fife Coal Company, Limited. The directors and shareholders present numbered 22. The report of the committee, which was held as read, recommended that instead of selling the property the shareholders should make an effort to raise £70,000 or £100,000 in order to develope the property of the company.

At the outset the chairman read a letter from the Lord Provost, who wrote that if a little more time had been at the disposal of the committee he was quite sure the whole of the extra capital would have been subscribed; if the meeting adjourned he could almost undertake that the necessary capital would be forthcoming. Even with extra capital, in his opinion, the property would realise good dividends for a number of years.

The Chairman moved, seconded by Mr Waldie, one of the directors, that the resolution be confirmed.

Mr J. A. Henderson said he agreed with the Lord Provost that the property was a valuable one, and should not be parted with. He moved that they carry on meantime, appointing a small committee to act with the directors in order that the necessary capital might be raised.

Mr A. T. Clay seconded. He thought they were in a difficulty because they were considering at a confirmatory meeting what they should have had before them at the first meeting.

In reply to a question, the Chairman said that the whole amount of extra capital subscribed was something like £22,000, with what was promised by the Lord Provost.

When the amendment and resolution were put to to the vote, only the mover and seconder voted for the former, while 12 voted for the latter.

The Secretary stated that the net vote by proxy for sale was 3164, and that the net vote proxy to the contrary, advised by the committee was 1072. The resolution was thereupon declared confirmed, and the secretary was appointed liquidator.

This was all the business.

DAY BY DAY IN THE BURGH OF COWDENBEATH.

BEATH SCHOOL BOARD.

The monthly meeting of Beath School Board was held on Thursday afternoon. Mr Henry Mungall (the chairman) presided, the other members present being Mr Charles Barclay and Mr George Terris.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Three resignations from teachers were intimated—one each from Cowdenbeath, Kelty, and Hill of Beath.

The Chairman asked how many vacancies there were.

Mr Barclay said he had two vacancies for males—one at Foulford and the other at Cowdenbeath. They had advertised, offering a salary of £95, and they had had no applications.

The Chairman said he had been looking over the columns of the *Scotsman* on Wednesday, and there was only one male assistantship advertised where £100 was offered. When teachers came they only remained for a few weeks.

The Clerk said that last Saturday they in Dunfermline had three before them, and he had tried to recommend them to this Board; but it seemed that there was a kind of understanding amongst teachers to shun this parish. It seemed to be that this was a lonely, irksome sort of a place.

The Chairman said he had met a lady belonging to the Edinburgh School Board the other day. This lady had told him that there was always quite a host of applications from Cowdenbeath to get on their list.

Mr Barclay said he wanted the sanction of the Board to advertise for a first assistant male at £100.

The Chairman said that while they must not tie their hands too much, and take care to have a uniform system of dealing with salaries, he thought they might agree to advertise for a male assistant for Foulford at £100 and his superannuation allowances paid.

The discussion ceased, the Cairman pointing out that it would be as well to defer the question until they had considered the applications for increases.

APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASES.

The cleaner of the Cowdenbeath School having put in an application for an increase of salary,

The Chairman pointed out that the school was not so clean as it ought to be. The windows were not particularly clean. As a member of the School Board, he would not grudge £5 extra to have the work thoroughly done.

It was agreed to consider the applicat on at next meeting.

Miss Cumming's (Cowdenbeath School) application was left to be dealt with by the convener. Miss Cumming has £40, and was appointed in November.

The salaries of Miss Pollock and Miss Chalmers, Kelty, were raised on the recommendation of Mr Terris from £35 to £40.

It was agreed to leave two applications from Hill of Beath to be dealt with by the local committee.

Mr Barclay reported that the cleaner of Foulford School had resigned. He had got another at 8s a week, but she too had gone. He thought perhaps it would be more advisable to get two at 6s a week each and work it between them.

The Chairman said that was too big an increase. A shilling a day was a common wage for a woman. He thought the best thing to do was to give each person a week, with one shilling extra in the winter months.

It was left to Mr Barclay to fix the matter up on these conditions.

THE APPOINTMENTS AGAIN.

It was now agreed to advertise for a male assistant at £100 with superannuation allowance paid. In connection with the female teacher vacancies it was pointed out that Mr Terris had had five applications for a situation in Kelty School. It was agreed that Mr Terris and Mr Barclay meet the applicants on Monday, and appoint two for Cowdenbeath as well.

REDUCING A LOAN.

The Clerk stated that the Public Works Loan Commissioners had agreed to grant a loan of £8820 only, instead of £4000 as asked, on the Cowdenbeath School. The reason for this was stated to be that part of the work was merely alteration. The rest of the money would have to be taken off the rates.

USE OF SCHOOLROOMS WANTED.

An application was read from Mr Robert Greig, Lower Oakfield, asking the use of a room in Kelty School for an ambulance class which meets on Sunday evenings.

Mr Terris said that when he was appealed to he said that he would not take it upon him to grant the use of the room for a Sunday evening, as the practice of the Board had been only to give the use of rooms on week nights.

The Chairman said he did not see why it should be necessary to hold an ambulance class on a Sunday evening. The miners could attend just as well on a Monday as a Sunday night. It was quite a different matter with railway signalmen.

It was left to Mr Terris to arrange the matter.

Mr Stevenson applied for the use of a room in Hill of Beath School, along with the use of piano, for a musical class. It was agreed to grant the application on condition that he undertook to be responsible for any damage that might be done to the piano.

DISCONTENT AMONG KELTY BOYS.

It was reported that some boys had left Kelty School without the consent of their parents, and were going to Lassodie School.

Mr Terris said that the boys had more lessons at Kelty than at Lassodie.

The Chairman said that it would be easier to learn lessons than travelling to Lassodie morning and night.

Mr Terris said that three of the lads had come back to Kelty. If things were made not too easy for them at Lassodie, as was intended, he thought the discontent would soon end.

THE FIFE COAL COMPANY CHARGE TOO MUCH FOR WATER.

An account for £4 7s 9d for water used at Hill of Beath, presented by the Fife Coal Company, was thought too heavy. The water was charged by meter. It was pointed out that the water must either be wasted or the meter was wrong. It was left for Mr Stenhouse to see into the matter.

A PECULIAR DEFAULTING CASE.

A communication was read from Andrew Harrower, Foulford Road, in connection with his daughter Maggie, who was not attending school. It appeared that Harrower had been before the court six months ago for neglecting his child's education. The communication purported to be a document certifying that the girl was being properly educated, but the Board could not see their way to accept it as such, and it was agreed to prosecute.

A number of other defaulters were dealt with, but they were allowed to go after receiving the usual warning of the penalty in store for them if they persisted in their neglect.

DEFAULTERS WHO HAD BEEN PUNISHED.

After the Clerk had intimated that the defaulters, whom it had been agreed at the previous meeting to prosecute, had been punished by the Sheriff,

The Chairman said he thought this would be a lesson to others. They were sorry to punish any one, but they had their duty to do, and he was pleased to hear that the punishment had had the effect of a more regular attendance of children.

This was all the business of interest.

MUSICAL AND CINEMATOGRAPH ENTERTAINMENT.

On Monday evening Mr Craig Lumsden appeared in Cowdenbeath with his grand musical and cinematograph entertainment. Mr Lumsden has an excellent tenor voice, and the method in which he treats his songs is really delightful. His cinematograph entertainment was as good as that of any travelling company. Mr Lumsden appeared in Crossgates on Tuesday evening. Large houses were present to greet him.

SWEARING-IN THE NEW COUNCILLORS.

On Thursday forenoon the swearing-in ceremony was performed by Bailie Laing in the absence of Provost Mungall. The Bailie was very impressive in his remarks, dwelling upon the great responsibility which was attached to the office of a Commissioner. The new members—Messrs M'Aughey, Holman, and Strachan—afterwards took the oath.

RAITH SICK SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Raith Sick Society was held in the Co-operative Hall on Monday night. Mr Alex. Burden, the president, occupied the chair. Mr Wm. Beveridge, the secretary, submitted the financial report, which showed that the year's income had been £211 6s 3d, and the expenditure amounted to £109 10s 3d, leaving a balance of £101 16s 0d to the 293 members. This gave the handsome balance of no less than 6s 11d each, besides leaving a sum of 10s to be carried forward to next year's account. After the report was approved of Mr Burden was again elected chairman of the Society for the ensuing year; Mr Wm. Beveridge, secretary; Mr David Simpson, treasurer; Mr Robert Dryburgh, North End, and Mr David Walls for South End, as sick visitors. The members of committee appointed were Messrs Wm. Falconer, James Brown, Thomas Headly, and John Reekie; auditors, David Dryburgh and Jas. Boyd.

PRESENTATION TO THE STATION-MASTER.

Mr Liddell, who was station agent at Cowdenbeath for ten and a half years, and has been thirty-six years in the service of the company, is to be transferred to Bournemouth, a small station next to Berwick-on-Tweed. The agent at Bournemouth (Mr Campbell), it appears, has to come to take the place of Mr Liddell, but a relief agent is still doing the work. The post at Bournemouth is a very light one. Last week the railway servants sat down with Mr Liddell in a social capacity to the Railway Tavern. Mr James Todd occupied the chair. In the course of the evening Mr John Lee, clerk, presented Mr Liddell with a gold albert, and Mr Jas. Adamson handed over a beautiful gold-mounted umbrella, both parting gifts from the servants. Mr Liddell briefly replied, thanking them for their gifts, which, he said, were quite unexpected. He also referred to the harmonious relations which had continued between the servants in the district and himself, and he hoped that the same harmony would prevail in the case of his successor. A very happy evening was thereafter spent.

THE LIGHTING OF THE BURGH.

The promoters of the proposed new gas company are not allowing the grass to grow under their feet. They met in the Crown Hotel on Monday evening, when it was agreed that they write the clerk of the old company offering them £200 for all their rights and plant, and asking a reply within a week. The new company are determined to have the lighting question settled at once. They have the power to light by electricity as well as gas. A site for their projected works has been had along Elgin Road, past the common lodging-house. A railway lye runs into the ground, so that everything is convenient. A meeting of the old company was held on Monday night to consider the offer of £200, but as has not transpired what steps they intend to take.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT AT BEATH BLEACHFIELD.

At a meeting of Dunfermline District Committee on Tuesday, a letter from Mr Jas. Carrie Macbeth, solicitor, suggesting the advisability of forming a special water supply and drainage district at Beath Bleachfield, near Cowdenbeath, was submitted to a meeting of the Public Health Committee on the 23rd ult., and allowed to lie on the table.

INJURY TO THE PUBLIC CLOCK.

The public clock in the Co-operative Society's buildings has received an injury. Through some cause or other a hole has been knocked in the face of it. It looks like the work of some youthful catapultist. However, the police have received no complaint, and the injury may be due to some other cause.

PRESENTATION TO AN EMPLOYEE OF MR JAMES DICK.

Last week Mr Andrew Dick, on behalf of the employees of Mr James Dick, merchant, Cowdenbeath, presented Mr John Stevenson with a handsome marble timepiece on the occasion of his leaving the Cowdenbeath branch of Mr Dick's business to fill a more responsible position in the newly opened Kelty branch. Mr Stevenson thanked Mr Dick and the Cowdenbeath employers for their kindness. The clock, which was supplied by Mr J. M. Brown, watchmaker, Cowdenbeath, bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr John Stevenson by the employees of Mr James Dick on the occasion of his leaving for Kelty, Cowdenbeath, 7th November 1900."

THE WAVERLEY LODGE I.O.G.T.

At a meeting of the Waverley Lodge I.O.G.T. held on Wednesday the office-bearers for the quarter were appointed as follows:—C.T., Bro. John King; V.T., Bro. J. Rattray; Chap., Sis. J. Munro; V.T., Sis. Lees; M., Bro. J. M'Intyre; D.M., Sis. J. Robertson; F.S., Bro. And. King; T., Bro. A. Munro; G., Bro. R. King; Sent., Bro. T. Patterson; A.S., Bro. G. Munro; Sec., Bro. C. Barclay, jun., High Street. As the previous quarter ended last meeting, the Secretary submitted his report, which showed a considerable increase in members over the last returns, greatly due no doubt to the excellent programmes which the Good of Order Committee are placing before the members. The Lodge also experiences the good effects of the late visit of Bro. G. Campbell, G.L.A. The above-mentioned committee are busy drawing up an excellent syllabus for the winter's meetings, and everything points to a record winter. To-night (Wednesday) a mock municipal election will be the subject, and the meeting will be open to the public.

"COMING GREAT REVOLUTION IN HUMAN AFFAIRS."

A lecture was delivered on Sunday evening on the above subject, in Branton's Hall, Cowdenbeath, by Mr William Robertson, of Arbroath. The lecturer took for his basis the 21st chapter of Luke, where Christ foretells the destruction of the Jewish Commonwealth, and their dispersion among the nations, and the down-treading of Jerusalem for a limited period, viz., until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. He then showed that we were approaching the end of the Gentile times, evidenced by the "distress of nations with perplexity," presently manifested in the Gentile camps. He then showed that Christ had promised to come a second time (Acts, 1-11), and raise their sleeping friends from the dust of the earth, to whom He has promised to give "Power over the nations, and rule them with a rod of iron" (Rev. 2-26.) Finally, he showed the Lord was to be King over all the earth, (Ezek., 14-9.), when the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ (Rev., 11-15.) A good audience listened attentively during the address. A lecture will be delivered next Sunday by Mr D. Campbell, of Glasgow. See advertising columns of *Echo and Journal*.

ROW AT THE NORTH END.

Before Bailie Wilson at the Burgh Court on Saturday, Catherine Gallacher or Smith, wife of Joseph Smith, labourer, pleaded guilty to having created a row in the High Street, at the north end of the burgh. She was fined 5s, or three days' imprisonment.

FIGHT ON THE GREAT NORTH ROAD.

Before Bailie Wilson, at the Burgh Court on Saturday, Henry Pow and Robert Fowler, miners, both residing in Lumphinnans, pleaded guilty to fighting with each other on the Great North Road, near the north end of the High Street. They were fined 7s 6d, or five days each.

ASSAULTING A GIRL.

David M'Millan, a tramp hawker, was charged at the Burgh Court on Saturday with throwing a lighted match on the head of a girl employed in a fruit shop in the burgh. Accused, on leaving the shop, had used filthy language towards customers, and also assaulted a butcher residing in High Street by seizing hold of him and shaking him about. He pleaded guilty, and was fined by Bailie Wilson in the sum of £1, or fourteen days. He paid the fine.

FIGHTING MINERS.

Before Bailie Wilson at the Burgh Court, on Saturday, James Cassey and James M'Connell, miners, pleaded guilty to cursing, swearing, and fighting with each other on Saturday night, at the North End, to the annoyance of law-abiding people. M'Connell, who had been the most aggravating, was fined 10s, or five days, his antagonist being allowed to go with half-a-crown less, or five days.

A DIRTY PRACTICE.

David Henry, a miner, residing at Little Raith Colliery Houses, and William Wilson, miner, residing at Engine Row, Hill of Beath, had a long indictment to answer for at the Burgh Court on Saturday. It appeared that between 3 and 4 o'clock on Sunday morning they kicked open the outside door of a miner's house in the Gothenburg, threw three stones through the windows, breaking three panes of glass, covered the handle of the door with filth, and used abusive language towards the inmates of the house. The same two were also charged with breaking a window pane in the house of another miner, and also with behaving themselves in a most disorderly and outrageous manner. The pair pleaded guilty to the full charge, and the sentence of Bailie Wilson was a stiff one, although none too stiff—30s, or fifteen days.

WHO IS TO BE THE BURGH TREASURER

The question of the Treasurership of the burgh will be settled at the meeting of the Commissioners on Thursday. Mr Anderson, who had held the office, was thrown out at the election. Since the election, however, Mr Kerr, who has removed from the burgh, has resigned his seat as a Commissioner. This puts a different complexion on matters, as the late Treasurer, who stood highest on the list of defeated candidates, may be induced to come back, and if Mr Anderson does return there is little doubt that he will take up his old office again. However, Mr Anderson may not return, and in that event an appointment will have to be made from among the Commissioners. Some people are of opinion that the best way to fill the vacancy in the Commission would be to hold a public meeting, and recommend a man, but that course may not be adopted should any of the defeated candidates care to take the vacant seat.

JOTTINGS FROM KELTY.

MUSICAL APPOINTMENT.

Mr William Smith, Fernbank House, Kelty has by a large majority of votes, been appointed organist and choirmaster of Leslie Parish Church at a salary of £25. Mr Smith is at present organist and choirmaster of Lassodie Free Church, and a pupil of Geo. F. Howells, A.R.C.O., Queen Anne Congregational Church, Dunfermline.

LIBRARY AND INSTITUTE.

The committee of the above met on Monday night, and besides transacting the usual monthly business, arrangements were completed for the circulation of 26 new volumes, including among others, "History of Our Times," by Justin M'Carthy; "Transvaal from Within," "Fitzpatrick," "The Master Christian," "Marie Corelle," "Merrie England," "Blatchford." Three hundred volumes have been in the course of circulation during the month, and the drawings still maintain their average.

RE-NAMING THE CHURCHES.

The Kelty Free Church—pastor, the Rev. W. Stephen—is to be known henceforth as the Moray United Free Church. The U.P. Church—pastor, the Rev. H. Neville—has altered its name to the Trinity United Free Church. It is believed that for several reasons the name "Moray" does not give the greatest satisfaction to the late Free Kirkers. Many of them would have much preferred to have bestowed the pastor's name, and called the church "St Stephen's."

APPLICATION FOR SUPPLY OF WATER FOR KELTY BATHS.

At the monthly meeting of Dunfermline District Committee an application for a supply of water to the new Kelty Baths, Kelty, at a reduced rate was submitted to a meeting of the Public Health Committee on the 23rd ult. It was agreed to remit the matter to the Local Committee for consideration and report.

DIRTY FOOTPATHS.

With the exceedingly wet weather of the past few weeks the footpaths of Kelty are in a deplorable condition. Kelty people could not be said to exhibit an undue ambition, in asking the attention of the respective authorities to at least one of the footpaths running through the heart of the village and also to that footpath, parallel with the great north road, which leads to Kelty station.

Y.M.C.A. MEETING.

A public meeting, under the auspices of the Kelty Y.M.C.A., was held in the Established Church on Tuesday evening—Mr Archibald Adam presiding. The Chairman was accompanied by Mr William Wright, travelling secretary of the Scottish Y.M.C.A. and Fellowship Unions; also, Rev. G. Hunter, Rev. H. Neville, and the Rev. W. Stephen, Kelty. The Chairman, in opening the meeting, briefly explained the motives of the organisation. As it existed for the special purpose of presenting an ideal of what constituted the successful young man, he appealed for the influence of the parent and others towards the success of the Association. Rev. G. Hunter gave a most clear and concise review of the "Master Christian" drawing some valuable lessons by way of careful criticism to young men. Mr Wright, travelling secy. of the Y.M.C.A., then addressed the meeting. He pointed out a great deal of advantages to young men which could be had by being connected with the movement, and also urged the necessity of some development in the literary and social aspect of the association. As it was an undenominational organisation, he commended the movement to the careful consideration of all branches of the church. Rev. W. Stephen in a short address upon "Union" as represented by the association, drew some very valuable lessons to young men. The musical part of the programme was in the hands of Mr Alex. Forrester, who presided at the organ. Songs and solos were rendered, and a large choir party of friends of the association greatly contributed to the success of a most beneficial and enjoyable evening. The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

FOOTBALL MATCHES.

Kelty Thistle and Kinross Athletic played a friendly match on Saturday last on the ground of the former. Owing to the exceedingly wet weather the field was in bad condition. The match resulted as follows:—Kelty, 2 goals; Kinross, 1 goal. Kelty Rangers played Cowdenbeath Fern at Kelty on Saturday. Result—Kelty, 2; Cowdenbeath Fern, 1.

SICK NURSING LECTURES.

The first of a series of lectures, under the auspices of the Fife County Council Technical Committee, was held in the Public School on Monday evening, Mr James Terris, Dullomuir, in the chair. Over 80 ladies, along with a number of the sterner sex, were present.

The Chairman, as district representative on the County Council, in a few well-chosen sentences, drew the attention of the audience to the fact that the County Council were very pleased to have such lectures established in the various districts in the county and were sincere in their desire that they would be largely attended by the public. In introducing Dr Day, the appointed lecturer, to his audience, the Chairman claimed for him an attentive hearing.

Dr Day, on rising, thanked the ladies present for the encouragement he had already received by such a large assembly. He (Dr Day) drew attention, firstly, to the nursing sisterhood inaugurated during the Crimean war, when stories were coming home daily of the fearful suffering of our brave soldiers, who were practically lying where they had been wounded, without a soul to administer to their needs, even to the proverbial cup of cold water. At the head of this undoubted national movement of sympathy was Florence Nightingale, whose life and work had become a deservedly well-known household fact. With this short historical sketch, Dr Day then proceeded to the lecture of the evening. Amongst various things to be attended to by the nurse for the benefit of the patient was the choosing of the sick room—first, its outlook; second, its furnishing; third, its heating; fourth, its ventilation; and on these various heads he gave some most instructive and beneficial advice. By way of illustration he gave a short interesting comparison of the two edicts of plague in this country, impressing upon his audience the undoubted fact of better sanitation and public health as the best means to subdue and abolish this pestilence. As a speciality, Dr Day showed how dusting and cleaning should not be done. His advice on visiting the sick should, if taken to heart by all, save less ill-feeling between medical men, especially on account of visitors recommending other doctors. (Applause.)

On the motion of the Chairman, Dr Day was awarded a very hearty vote of thanks for his lecture.

An opportunity being granted, over 70 ladies handled to take the benefit of the whole series of lectures. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

NIGGER ENTERTAINMENT.

On Saturday evening the Kelty Amateur Minstrel Troupe give a highly successful entertainment in the Co-operative Hall. At an early hour the building was packed, with the result that many had to be refused admission. The audience was a record one for the hall. All the performers were local amateurs, and they acquitted themselves in a manner that might have done credit to professionals. While not desirous to appear invidious, we might single out the topical song, "I want to be popular," of Mr G. W. Hilson, for special mention. The song was composed locally, and the hits about the baths etc., were really amusing and clever. The concertina solo of Mr J. O. Seph was also an appearance which made one wonder where Kelty had unearthed so much talent. "The Amateur Doctors," a farcical sketch, fairly brought down the house, and it also had its inception and composition among the members of the troupe. So disjointed were those who did not gain admission that there is some talk of giving another performance. Here is the complete programme:—Opening chorus, troupe; "Let the hills resound," troupe; song, "Silver Chimes," Mr J. M. Ure; comic song, "Mary's gone wid a Coon," Mr G. W. Hilson; song, "Queen of the Earth," Mr D. M. Ure; glee, "Hail, smiling morn," troupe; comic song, "Tinkle, tinkle," Mr R. F. Leman; song, "Fare thee well, Kitty," Mr W. M. Hiller; song, "Oh, send me one lower," Mr J. M. Ure; part-song, "Soldiers of the Queen," troupe; comic song, "Water-melon party" Mr Will Hume; song, "The Village Blacksmith," Mr D. M. Ure; topical song, "I want to be popular," Mr G. W. Hilson; vocal fantasia (introducing Negro melodies and popular airs), troupe; violin solo, "Scotland, my own," Mr K. G. Lynn; illustrated stamp lecture, "Temperance," Mr G. W. Hilson; vocal trio, "A little farm well tilled," Messrs Ure, Drew, and Ure; concertina solo, "Memories of the past," Mr J. O. Seph. The farcical sketch, entitled "The Amateur Doctors; or, the Plot that didn't Thicken," specially arranged for the troupe, was taken part in by the following:—Dr Brown, Mr J. B. Hain; Jo and Jo (his servants and the amateur doctors), Mr G. W. Hilson and Mr A. K. Oone; Mr C. Ripple (a gouty patient), Mr D. M. Ure; Mr A. Pain (a rheumatic patient), Mr A. B. Hain; Mr D. Eave (a little deaf), Mr K. O Lynn; Miss Hart (elderly lady with weak heart), Mr Will Hume.

THE TOYES AGAIN.

AN ACTION FOR ALIMENT.

In Dunfermline Small Debt Court on Tuesday Rachel Bower or Toye, said to reside at Maygate, Dunfermline, sued her husband, Cornelius Toye, miner, Oakfield, Kelty, for the sum of £2 as aliment. The account attached to the summons was as follows:—"October 30, 1900.—To aliment at the rate of 15s per week for twelve weeks from said date, payable weekly in advance, in respect that the pursuer, with her six children, has been obliged so separate from defender on account of ill-treatment, and defender refuses to support her and said children. That pursuer has no means of her own, and that she intends to raise an action of separation and aliment in the Court of Session—£9." A counter claim was made by Toye. It was dated 22nd September 1900, and runs as follows:—"To value of following articles of furniture taken away by Mrs Toye from the house on or about the said date:—

A marble clock	£8	0	0
A wringer	1	9	0
6 chairs	1	15	0
One arm-chair	1	15	0
2 beds and bedding	2	0	0
A dresser	0	18	0
Washing-tub and fire-irons	1	10	0
	£17	17	0

Restricted to £12. Sheriff Gillespie presided, Mr Fenton appeared for Mrs Toye, and Mr T. Gorrie for Toye.

Alex. Dodds, auctioneer and valuator, deponed that he had valued the articles of furniture in question. He had valued the clock at £1 10s, the ringer at 15s; the chairs at 2s each; the beds and bedding at from 10s to 20s; the dresser at 5s, and the fire-irons at 10s.

Defender stated he had won the clock at a lottery, and it was valued at £3.

The Sheriff—But it is quite a fictitious value.

George Murray, haircutter, said that he had at one time offered Toye £5 for the clock.

Mrs Toye, on being put into the box, said that Toye had made her a present of the clock. She had only got £2 4s from him for the support of herself and the children during the last three months. She had had to pawn the clock for 12s 6d. She herself paid for the wringer and the chairs. She did washing and earned the money.

Sheriff Gillespie said that Mrs Toye had not proved that the articles of furniture were hers, neither had she proved the allegation of a gift of the clock. He sustained Mrs Toye's claim in full. He sustained the counter-claim to the extent of £4, and Mrs Toye would give up the pawn ticket for the clock and Toye would have the opportunity of redeeming it.

Mrs Toye here ran to her residence and brought the pawn ticket, and on it being handed to Toye the Sheriff gave decree for £5, with £1 1s 10

CROSSGATES.

CROSSGATES AND DISTRICT ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

On Saturday the above society held its eighth annual show of game and game bantams and pigeons in the Masonic Hall, Crossgates. There was a fair attendance of the bird fanciers of West Fife represented among the spectators. The entries were large—there being 16 classes for poultry, and 20 classes for pigeons. In the game bantam classes the competition was very keen, and the judges found it very difficult to make the awards. In the pigeon classes the excitement was even more keen. The following were the judges :—For pouters, homers, and magpies, Mr J. Hutton, Dunfermline; for game and game bantams, and all other varieties, Mr T. Watson, Lilleden. Mr Thomas Wilton acted as secretary. The following is the prize list :—

GAME AND GAME BANTAMS.

Indian Game Cock—1, 2, 3, 4, and he, John Penman, Dunfermline; vhc and c, Mulligan & Sharp, Lilliehill.

Indian Game Hen—1 and vhc, Hunter & Digman, Townhill; 2, Mulligan & Sharp; 3, 4, and c, John Penman; he, Riddiman & Dick, Cupar.

Old English Game Hen—1, John Hutt, Cardenden; 2, James Painter, Auchtermuchty; 3, 4, and he, D. Anderson, Cardenden; vhc, Robert Hardie, Kelty.

Game Bantam Cock, Black or Brown Red—1, Alex. Hynd, Dunfermline; 2, and 4, J. & J. Bain, Kelty; 3, John Hynd, Dunfermline.

Game Bantam Hen, Black or Brown Red—1, he, and c, Alex. Hynd; 2, Fleming Brothers, Cardenden; and vhc, J. & J. Bain; 4, William Coutts, Forfar.

Game Bantam Cock, Pile—1, John Wilkinson, Northumberland; 2, 3, 4, he, and c, John Hynd; vhc, Thomas Milne, Aberdour.

Game Bantam Hen, Pile—1, Lindsay & Wilkie, Markinch; 2 and 4, John Hynd; 3, John Wilkinson.

Game Bantam Cock, Duckwing—1, Archibald Ferrie, Forfar; 2, Alex. Hynd; 3, John M'Laren, Cardenheath; 4, D. Kennedy & Son, Forfar; vhc, William Hynd, Kelty; he, J. & A. Allan, Leslie; c, John Hynd.

Game Bantam Hen, Duckwing—1, John Dewar, Kirkcaldy; 2, William Coutts; 3, D. Kennedy, & Son; 4, J. & A. Allan; vhc, Joseph Marshall; he, W. & J. King, Kelty.

Rosecombe Bantam Cock, Black or White—1, W. Hervey, Selkirk; 2, Andrew Dewar, Linlithgowshire; 3, Wilkie & Lindsay, Markinch; 4, W. & D. Hunter, Lesslie; he, J. Scott, Kirkcaldy.

Rosecombe Bantam Hen, Black or White—1 and 3, W. & D. Hunter; 2, Andrew Selkirk, Beggie; 4, Andrew Dewar; vhc, John Millar, Dunfermline.

Bantam Cock, any variety, not classed—1 M'Lean & Son, Lochgelly; 2, Dan Ferrie, Cowdenbeath; 3, Robert Frew, Cupar; 4, George Dennis, Falkirk.

Bantam Hen, any variety, not classed—1, Alex. Hynd; 2, Muir & Inglis, Fordell; 3, 4, and he, Robert Frew; vhc, George Lumsden, Cupar; c, D. M'Leod & Son.

Selling Class Bantam Cock, any variety—1, vhc, he, and c, A. & D. Murray, Fordell; 2, John Hynd; 3, Mary Guy, Cambuslang; 4, John Petrie, Forfar.

Selling Class Bantam Hen, any variety—1, Wilkie & Lindsay; 2, W. & J. King; 3, Alex. Hynd; 4, R. Smith, Fordell; vhc, John Hynd; he, Inglis & Muir; c, Archibald Tyrie.

PIGEONS.

Pouter Cock or Hen—1, David Skinner, Falkirk; 2 and 4 John Pickles, Crossgates; 3, William Thomson, Preston Links; vhc, Alexander Lumsden, Dundee; he, [illegible]; c, [illegible].

Pouter Cock or Hen—1, John Pickles; 2, David Skinner; 3, David Andrew, Stirling; 4 and vhc, James Paton, Crossgates; he, James Alexander.

English Owl, Cock or Hen—1, D. Sandie, Haddington; 2, 3, 4, Alex. Bett; he, Andrew M'Donald, Dalkeith.

English Owl, Cock or Hen, rung 1900—1, David Sandie; 2 and vhc, Alex. Bett; 3, James Combe, Dalkeith; he, James Simpson, Cowdenbeath.

Jacobine Cock or Hen—1 and 3, James Smith, Methil; 2, D. Stewart, Stirling; 4 and vhc, W. Cassell, Donglas; c, T. Cowan, Cowdenbeath.

Tumbler Cock or Hen, Longfaced Self—1, W. M. Fulton, Perth; 2, W. S. Brown, Falkirk; 3, James Pratt, Crossgates; 4, Thomson Brothers, Selkirk; vhc, T. Cowan; he, J. Combe; c, Hugh Erskine.

Tumbler Cock or Hen, longfaced, any other variety—1, Hugh Stevenson, Beith; 2, T. M'Kinnon, Arbroath; 3, W. M. Fulton; 4, James Pratt; vhc, James Davie; he, D. Younger, Dunfermline

Tumbler Cock or Hen, longfaced, any colour, rung 1900—1, W. M. Fulton; 2, T. M'Kinnon; 3, James Pratt; 4, H. Erskine; vhc, W. Rodge, Milnathort.

Tumbler, longfaced, Selling Class—1, vhc, and he, James Pratt; 2, T. M'Kinnon; 3, W. M. Fulton; 4, Tom Walker, Kirkcaldy.

Show Homer Cock—Wm. Philp, Crossgates; 2 and he, J. & T. Cunningham, Carnoustie; 3, J. Mowbray, Bishop; 4, J. Henderson, Lochgelly; hc, W. M'Lean, Bathgate; c, J. Davidson, Carnoustie.

Show Homer Hen—1, John Mowbray; 2, W. M'Lean; 3 and vhc, J. & T. Cunningham; 4, M'Naughter Brothers; he, John Henderson; c, John Leslie, Townhill.

Flying Homer Cock—1, Alex. Bett; 2, M'Caw; 3, Donaldson Brothers, Dunbar; 4, W. Roberts, Tillicoultry; vhc, Peter Marshall, Dunfermline; he, James Scott, Blairadam; c, C. Cummings, Kirkcaldy.

Flying Homer Hen—1, James Marr, Capledrae, Lochgelly; 2, James M'Caw; 3, Joseph Hunter, Fairfield, Lesslie; 4, Alexander Birch; vhc, Peter Marshall; he, Donaldson Brothers; c, Crair Brothers.

Flying Homer Cock, rung 1900—1, 4, and he, Donaldson Brothers; 2, W. Roberts; 3, Peter Sharp; vhc and c, W. Walker.

Flying Homer Hen, rung 1900—1, William Melville James M'Caw; 3, Donaldson Bros.; 4, James Smith; vhc and he, Peter Marshall; c, William Allan, Coalmaster of Wemyss.

Flying Homer Cock or Hen—1 and he, Alex. Bett; 2, John Patterson; 3, W. Roberts; 4, P. Marshall; vhc, James M'Caw; c, John Noble.

Magpie Cock or Hen—1 and 2, Thomas Wilson, Crossgates; 3, J. G. Anderson, Aberdour; 4, he, and c, Alex. Thom, Lordburn; vhc, John Stephen, Dunfermline.

Any other variety Cock or Hen, not classed—1 and 2, John Templeman, Dunfermline; 3, D. Stewart; 4, George Petrie, Auchtermuchty; vhc, Andrew M'Donald; he, William Melville.

Selling Class Cock or Hen—1 and 4, Alex. Bett; 2, Stewart & Wilson; 3 and vhc, Thomas Wilson; he, James Davie.

Selling Class Show Homer—1 and vhc, John Henderson; 2 and 3, J. & T. Cunningham; 4, Thomas Kinnear, jun., John Mowbray.

HILL OF BEATH.

A TRAVELLING SHOWMAN CREATES A NUISANCE.

At a meeting of the Public Health Committee of the Dunfermline District Committee on the 22nd ult., it was reported that a vacant space of ground at Hill of Beath had been let to an itinerant showman, and that a family of three adults and three children were living there in a van containing about 250 cubic feet. No water supply, privy, or ashpit accommodation had been provided. The Medical Officer and Sanitary Inspector, who were both present, stated that in their opinion the van constituted a nuisance within the meaning of the Public Health Act. The Clerk was instructed to serve a notice requiring the removal of the nuisance within seven days.

TOWNHILL.

WEST OF FIFE COAL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The preference shares of this company have been over-applied for, and letters of allotment and regret have been posted.

THE WEST OF FIFE COAL COMPANY, LIMITED, REGISTERED.

Among the new joint-stock companies registered last week was the following:—The West of Fife Coal Company (Limited), 15 Hill Street, Edinburgh, to carry on the business of coalmasters, colliery proprietors, ironmasters, &c. Capital £105,000, in £1 shares. Subscribers—David Russell, of 13 Bernard Street, Leith, shipowner; J. Stevenright, of 27 Hertford Street, Mayfair, London; Anderson Lodger, of Grenaby, Port-Glasgow; Andrew Simmo, of 18 Marchhall Crescent, Edinburgh, coalmaster; William C. Hogg, 15 Hill Street, Edinburgh, Writer to the Signet; David Renton, of Westball Gardens, Edinburgh, law agent; G. E. Coldstream, of 7 Cluny Terrace, Edinburgh, Writer to the Signet.

WELLWOOD.

THE "MYRES" SEAM.

The proposal by Messrs Thomas Spowart & Coy., Ltd., to work a portion of Dunfermline coal has fallen through. At a meeting of the Property Committee of Dunfermline Town Council on the 9th inst., a letter was read from Messrs Spowart stating that they had failed to get the consent of Mr Rodger, the new lessee of Townhill Colliery, to their working the portion of the burgh's "Myres" coal adjoining they march, and that their proposal would now therefore be allowed to drop.

THE PRICES OF GRAIN AT DUNFERMLINE MARKET.

At Dunfermline Grain Market on Tuesday there were not many samples of grain on offer—the result of the continued wet weather. Prices ruled as follows:—

Oats, 42 lbs to 43 lbs, 19s to 22s.
Wheat, 63 lbs, 24s 6d to 26s; seed wheat, 30s.
Barley, 56 lb, 24s to 25s.

The Lake district is the wettest it the British

THE DUNFERMLINE "CABINET."

BY THE CAMERA, AND IN PEN AND INK.

Little more than a decade ago the late Councillor Nicol and some of his contemporaries spoke of the Magistrates of the city as the "Cabinet," and now and again the official nominations made at the statutory meeting in November were upset by hurried meetings, held at the eleventh hour after the secrets had leaked out, at the top of the stair leading to the Council Chamber. At the Council meeting on Friday last the official nominations for the "Cabinet" were accepted *nem con.*

PROVOST SCOBIE.

is a native of the city. He is an architect by profession, and has been in business in Dunfermline for upwards of 35 years. He has not seen so many summers as at least one of the members at the Council Board; but he combines the unique position of having spent more service at the Council Board than any of his colleagues. It is 16 years since he first entered the Council Board as a representative of the First Ward, and he has held office without a break since 1884. He was appointed a bailie in 1893, and was appointed chief magistrate in 1897 on the retirement of Mr Walker. The Provost has a good going business as an architect, and during the 16 years he has occupied a seat at the Council Board has devoted a great deal of time to public work. He was a conspicuous success as a bailie—he got through the Monday's Police Court work splendidly indeed it was a treat to see how he disposed of the wastrels brought before him. As the head of the Council, the Provost tried—like Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman (as leader of the Liberal party)—to reconcile the irreconcilable, and things drifted so much that at the recent Ward meetings one member spoke of the past year as a "barren session," while another paid the doubtful compliment of "little evil, little harm." It was evident from the meeting of Friday last that the Provost was determined to make his second term of office a period of activity, and we anticipate that in the big schemes about to be tackled he will endeavour to give that lead which one desires to see coming from a Chief Magistrate's chair.

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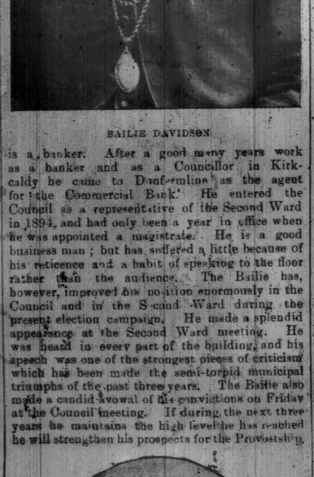

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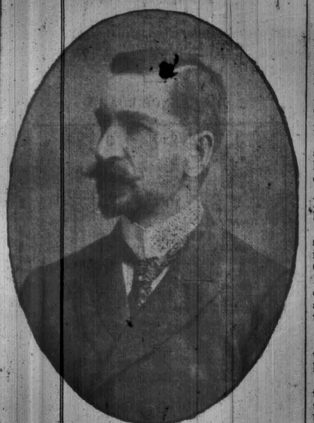
is the son of a West Fife miner, and was brought up as a miner. He took up his abode permanently in the city in 1880, on his being appointed secretary of the Fife and Kinross Miners' Association. In 1885, he was elected a representative of the Third Ward at the Council Board, and in 1897 he was elected a Magistrate of the burgh. Mr Weir's duties as the secretary of the miners and as an official of the Miners' Federation take him a great deal from home, but he always spares a considerable amount of time to the duties of Councillor, and his services are so much appreciated that he has not without a break as a Councillor since 1885. The Bailie has the knack of expressing himself freely—but he does not speak too much—indeed, we should like to see him speak more and be more aggressive—and perhaps the place he shines most in is in gathering up the threads of a discussion and bringing kosmos out of chaos. Mr Weir has repeatedly made a strong stand for the corporation workmen being well paid, and he had a good deal to do with the inaugurating of the movement for an improvement of the Townhill Colliery houses.



BAILIE MACBETH

is the son of a lawyer. He received his early education at Dunfermline High School, and when but a boy declared he would follow the profession of his father. He commenced business in Dunfermline in 1885, and in 1889 he entered the Council. He was given a Bailie's chair in 1897. In a comparatively few years Mr Macbeth has built up one of the finest law businesses in the "Kingdom," and there is no post at the Council Board which he might not have the ability to fill. He combines the unique position of having spent more service at the Council Board than any of his colleagues. It is 16 years since he first entered the Council Board as a representative of the First Ward, and he has held office without a break since 1884. He was appointed a bailie in 1893, and was appointed chief magistrate in 1897 on the retirement of Mr Walker. The Provost has a good going business as an architect, and during the 16 years he has occupied a seat at the Council Board has devoted a great deal of time to public work. He was a conspicuous success as a bailie—he got through the Monday's Police Court work splendidly indeed it was a treat to see how he disposed of the wastrels brought before him. As the head of the Council, the Provost tried—like Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman (as leader of the Liberal party)—to reconcile the irreconcilable, and things drifted so much that at the recent Ward meetings one member spoke of the past year as a "barren session," while another paid the doubtful compliment of "little evil, little harm." It was evident from the meeting of Friday last that the Provost was determined to make his second term of office a period of activity, and we anticipate that in the big schemes about to be tackled he will endeavour to give that lead which one desires to see coming from a Chief Magistrate's chair.

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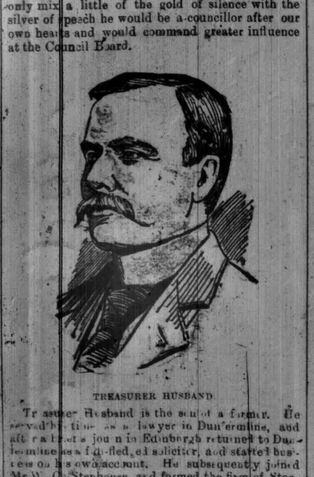
is a native of the city, was brought up as a watchmaker, and started business on his own account in Dunfermline some 28 years ago. He has occupied a seat at the Council Board for nine years. He was appointed treasurer of the city in 1897, and was elected a bailie in January 1900. As a councillor, Mr Harley is most attentive to the duties—and makes many sacrifices of private business so that he might be able to give the time he thinks the public are entitled to expect he will devote to public work. He has a good head and was a success as keeper of the public purse. There is a German proverb which says "speech is silver, but silence is gold." If Mr Harley would only mix a little of the gold of silence with the silver of speech he would be a councillor after our own hearts and would command greater influence at the Council Board.



TREASURER HUSBAND

Treasurer Husband is the subject of a portrait. He served his time as a lawyer in Dunfermline, and after a short sojourn in Edinburgh returned to Dunfermline as a qualified solicitor, and started business on his own account. He subsequently joined Mr W. C. Stenhouse, and formed the firm of Stenhouse & Husband. Since Mr Stenhouse's death Mr Husband has been the sole partner of Stenhouse & Husband. Mr Husband entered the Council as a representative of the First Ward in 1892, and was appointed Treasurer in January 1900. As a "common" Councillor Mr Husband did good service, but he has yet his spurs to win as Chancellor of the Exchequer. It is evident from what took place at the meeting on Friday last that Mr Hoey has his eye on the Treasurer, and in view of the glare of Mr Hoey's "bull's eye" we expect that in future he will give the necessary attention to the duties. One of Mr Husband's greatest achievements was the making of a bailie one year. The "Cabinet" had fixed upon a man, and Mr Husband convened a lobby meeting before the Council and upset the "Cabinet" and all its works. Mr Husband has a frank manner—indeed, the *ne plus ultra* of frankness when things are moving quietly and smoothly.

(Our portraits of the "Cabinet" are from photos by Mr Norval, Dunfermline.)

A COSTLY LEAP.

On Wednesday Police-Constable Rintoul was making inquiries in Nethertown Broad Street into a case, and had occasion to enter the domicile of James Wellwood, labourer, to make some inquiries. Wellwood, who indulges in sporting expeditions occasionally, eyeing the constable coming, at once jumped to the conclusion that the officer of the law "wanted" him, and without hesitation leapt out of a two storey window to the ground, a distance of 14 feet. The jump cost Wellwood a broken leg, his left thigh bone snapping as the result of the fall. The injured man was conveyed to the Cottage Hospital where he was attended to by Dr Deadle.

IN THE DUNFERMLINE BURGH DOCK.

THE FURNITURE OF A BRUCE STREET ROOM.

At the Dunfermline Police Court on Wednesday—Baillie Davidson on the bench—Patrick M'Lauchlan, labourer; Ann Judge or M'Lauchlan, his wife; and Margaret Allan or Spence, a spinster, all residing at 6 Bruce Street, were charged with having between 1st April and 30th October stolen an iron bedstead, two tables, and five chairs from an attic at 6 Bruce Street.

DAVID HOEY deponed that the shop at No. 16 Bruce Street was occupied by a man named Robertson. Robertson left the premises without paying his rent. The furniture that was left in the shop was taken to an attic room above, and was locked up there as security for the rent. On 29th October it came out that the furniture had been removed. The accused were tenants of the same building, and most of the furniture was found in rooms occupied by the M'Lauchlans and Allan. The accused had not got authority to remove the furniture.

Mrs M'LAUCHLAN, one of the accused, here made a long rambling statement to the effect that she had never seen Mr Hoey, and had never put a hand on the articles of furniture in question.

JAMES M'EWAN, assistant draper with the Messrs Hoey, stated that the articles of furniture had been safely locked up in the attic.

Inspector STEWART, of the Dunfermline Police, said that he and Sergeant Beveridge had made inquiries into the alleged theft of furniture on 30th October, and had found two chairs and a table in M'Lauchlan's house, and a bedstead and three chairs in Allan's house. He had charged the accused with stealing the furniture, and they said that they intended to pay Mr Hoey for it.

Sergeant BEVERIDGE corroborated the inspector.

Here Mrs M'LAUCHLAN broke out for the fourth time, and declared that she bore the hands that had not touched the furniture.

The M'LAUCHLANS' said that they had no desire to go into the box, but Allan declared she wanted to make a statement. Allan then went into the box and said that when she took the house from Mr Hoey she had no furniture. Mrs M'Lauchlan had said "I will furnish your house for you." So we went up to the attic—the door was open—and Mrs M'Lauchlan told me to take a table to her house. She then asked me to take a table and chairs to my house, and she said "Here is a dresser which I would give you if I was able to carry it down."

By the BAILIE.—You knew that the furniture did not belong to the M'Lauchlans?—Yes.

You knew that you were doing wrong?—Yes; but I did not take a "thocht."

By Mr FORBES.—The M'Lauchlans took the one lot and you took the other?—Yes.

Mrs M'LAUCHAN — I wonder you are not "stricken doon" for what you have said lassie.

The WITNESS—There is my hand held up to God; I am telling the truth.

The CHIEF-CONSTABLE said that part of the furniture had not been recovered. It was because of a quarrel that the theft was found out.

Mrs M'LAUCHLAN—It was me that reported about the furniture.

Mr FORBES—You and Allan were brought up for quarrelling and it came out then. The furniture would not be worth more than £3.

Mrs M'LAUCHLAN declared the value was not more than 5s.

Bailie DAVIDSON found the charge proven, and passed sentence of a fine of 20s, or fourteen days in each case.

HE WANTED A DRIVE.

The accused had no money and had to go to the Calton. Patrick, who has seen a good many summers, refused to walk to the Lower Station, and created quite a scene at the Police Office door and in Maygate. Ultimately two policemen got him persuaded to stop his opposition, and his protest afterwards was a wordy one to which the men in blue turned a deaf ear. Allan is just a girl, and the spectacle of the young woman walking to the station for a prison with the M'Lauchlans was anything but edifying.

A STUPID OLD MAN.

John Smith, shoemaker, James Street, an old man, appeared before Bailie Weir, at the Dunfermline Police Court on Monday, on a charge of having, on 7th November, in the Public Park, behaved improperly towards two girls, ten years of age. At first he pleaded not guilty, and his trial was adjourned till Thursday, bail being fixed at £5. After he had been taken downstairs he changed his mind, and on being brought back he admitted his guilt. Mr Forbes, the Prosecutor, said that the misconduct had been going on for some time. The Magistrate—Well, it won't go on for some time. Thirty days.

AN ASSAULT DENIED.

John M'Fadyen, a labourer, was accused, at the Dunfermline Police Court on Monday, of having assaulted a Townhill miner by beating him with his fists. He denied the charge, and Bailie Weir adjourned the case until Thursday for proof, bail being fixed at £2.

DID NOT REMEMBER OF COMING INTO TOWN.

Sarah Bain or Harkins, a glib-tongued vagrant, was place in the dock of the Dunfermline Police Court on Monday on a charge of having been drunk and incapable. She expressed contrition for the offence, and remarked that she did not remember of coming into the town. Having been locked up since Saturday night, she was "given a chance," but told not to come back.

EARLY BEGUN.

Jemima M'Ewan, aged fourteen and a half years, a smart-looking message girl, daughter of Jane Bower or M'Ewan, widow, Carnegie Street, was accused at the Dunfermline Police Court on Monday, of four different acts of begging. It was stated that she might have been charged with falsehood, fraud, and wilful imposition, and that more cases might have been brought against her. She had gone to various well-known people in the city and represented that her mother was a widow, who was dying, sometimes that she herself was an orphan, and that the family were starving, and by piteous appeals obtained money and food. Asked what she did with tea and sugar which she got, she said that she threw them away. The mother pleaded ignorance of the girl's doings, and promised to look better after her in future. The accused being too old to be admitted to an industrial school, Bailie Weir gave her the benefit of the First Offenders' Act, and she was warned that if she misbehaved during the next six months she would be sent to a reformatory.

OBLIVIOUS.

Thomas Swift, labourer, Baldridgeburn, pleaded guilty, at the Dunfermline Police Court on Monday, of having (1), within his own house assaulted his wife by beating her with his fists and kicking her, whereby she was severely injured in her person, to the effusion of blood; and (2) behaved in another house in a riotous and disorderly manner. By way of extenuation, he said he did not remember doing anything. Bailie Weir imposed a fine of £1, with the option of ten days' imprisonment.

PROMISED TO BEHAVE BETTER.

James Martin, a tramp labourer, appeared before Bailie Weir, at the Dunfermline Police Court on Monday, on a charge of doing that which he should not have done on the public street. As he had been in the cells since Saturday night, he was allowed to go on promising to behave better in future.

A GOOD OR BAD CUSTOMER.

Mary Rae or Whyte, a vagrant, was found in Kirkgate in a helplessly intoxicated state on Saturday night, and when she appeared before Bailie Weir at the Police Court on Monday morning she acknowledged that she had been "drunk and incapable, and not under the care of some suitable person." This was her eleventh appearance for a similar offence, her latest outburst being about five weeks ago. Her explanation on this occasion was that, not being able to get lodgings, she got something else—the worse of drink. The Bailie remarked that she was a good customer to the court. The Prosecutor—She is a bad customer. The Clerk—You are looking at the case from different points of view. A fine of 7s 6d, with the option of five days' imprisonment, was imposed.

HE MET A FRIEND.

John Wilson, an unkempt labourer, admitted to Bailie Weir, at the Dunfermline Police Court on Tuesday, that he had been found drunk and incapable in High Street. He said he had met a friend and had a drink. The Prosecutor—Too much. The Magistrate—Ten shillings, or five days.

A STRANGER.

Hugh Cassidy, labourer, behaved himself in a violent manner in Bruce Street on Monday night and was "run in." When he appeared before Bailie Weir next morning it was stated that he had not previously made acquaintance with the city police, being a stranger to Dunfermline, and he was let off with a fine of 5s, or three days' imprisonment.

ALLEGED EXPOSURE OF A CHILD.

Jessie Cooper or Blyth, wife of David Blyth, a tramp moulder, was charged at Dunfermline Police Court on Tuesday, with having the previous night, in Woodhead Street, exposed a child of tender years to the inclemency of the weather. The woman made a statement which was held to be a plea of not guilty, and the case was adjourned for proof until Thursday, bail being fixed at 10s.

BEFORE THE SHERIFF AT DUNFERMLINE.

CHASING THE FAMILY OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Before Sheriff Gillespie, at the Dunfermline Sheriff Court on Monday, David Adamson, miner, New Row, Halbeath, was charged with having, late on the night of 6th November, within his own house, used threatening and abusive language towards his wife, his son, and his three daughters, chased them out of the house, locked the door and kept them outside all night, and behaved in a riotous and disorderly manner. He was further charged with having, on 7th November, within the house of his son-in-law, assaulted one of his daughters by striking her a severe blow on the head with his clenched fist, and used threatening and abusive language towards her, and chased her and his wife out of the house. While admitting his guilt, Adamson complained that he did not get tea when he asked, for it. It was pointed out to him that he had been very drunk, and he was fined £1 8s, with the option of seven days' imprisonment.

THE FATHER MORE GUILTY THAN THE SON.

At the Dunfermline Sheriff Court on Monday, Mary M'Natr or Archibald, 6 Old Square, Hill of Beath, who was said to be facile, and David Buchanan, a youth, 1 Old Square, were accused of having on the night of 8th November, near No. 1 brick kiln, Hill of Beath, stolen about 52 lb. of treble coal. The woman pleaded not guilty, but the lad, who had previously been convicted of theft, admitted the charge. Buchanan's father, an old man, appeared in court, and, in answer to Sheriff Gillespie, said that the coal was for "oor fire." The Sheriff said that the man was more guilty than his son and ought to be tried for reset. He wished to get at the real offenders in such cases. Mr M'Farlane, Procurator-Fiscal, said that the boy seemed to be under a bad influence, and if he could get at the father he would. The lad was admonished, and as to the woman the case was adjourned for proof until Tuesday next week, bail being fixed at 5s.

CONTRARY TO ALL IDEAS OF FAIRPLAY.

Before Sheriff Gillespie, in the Dunfermline Sheriff Court on Tuesday, Peter Hennessy, labourer, Bowhill; John Adamson, commercial traveller, Main Street, Lochgelly; James M'Caw, junior, butcher, David Street, Lochgelly; Peter Chaplin, junior, Bowhill; and Peter M'Ginnes, miner, Cowhill, were charged with having the previous day, on the public highway near the Auchterderran public-house, behaved in a riotous and disorderly manner. They all pleaded guilty.

The PROCURATOR-FISCAL (Mr M'Farlane) said that there seemed to have been a stand-up fight between two of the men, and that the others were aiding and abetting.

The SHERIFF said he had always said that those who backed up were worse than the fighters, and he was very clear about that in this case. Hennessy and Adamson, the two fighters, would be fined 5s each, or two days' imprisonment, and the others 15s each, or five days. If there were no backers there would be no fighters. He noticed that several of the men interfered with the fighters, which was contrary to all ideas of fair play. It was a fair fight between Hennessy and Adamson, but not with the others.

THE CONTRACT RULES AT FIFE & CLACKMANNAN COLLIERIES.

THE COALOWNERS MAKE A CONCESSION.

At the adjourned conference last week with representatives of the Fife and Clackmannan Coalowners' Association, and the Fife and Kinross and Clackmannan Miners' Associations, the discussion was resumed on the General Regulations and Conditions of Employment at present in force, which the miners sought to have abolished. Mr R. W. Wallace of Halbeath, the chairman of the Coalowners' Association presided.

The rule to which attention was principally directed was the one which provides that "every workman shall be held to be engaged to work at such wages as may be agreed upon between the parties until the expiry of fourteen days."

Mr WEIR, the secretary of the Fife and Kinross Miners' Association, said that the men did not object to a fourteen days' notice as applied to a pit, a colliery, or a country. What they desired was a one day's notice introduced for the individual, so that if a man had a grievance because of a "deficient" working place, he might be in a position to leave on a day's notice if he could not make a bargain to get adequately paid for working in this "deficient" place.

The CHAIRMAN said that the fourteen days' notice was as much for the interest of the miners as the coalmasters, and the employers could not see their way to abolish the rule. The representatives of the men had complained that prompt action was not taken when "deficient" working places were encountered. The coalmasters had no desire to see any man placed at a disadvantage, and were prepared to so amend the rule that prompt action would be taken by the oversmen or managers when difficulties in the strata arose.

Mr CHARLES CARLOW, of the Fife Coal Company, said that he would even go further. He would say when an additional twopence or threepence was given on the ton price for deficiencies, fourteen days' notice should be allowed to elapse before the additional rate was taken off.

The conference was adjourned.

DISPLENISHING SALE AT LANGLEES.

FIRM PRICES ALL ROUND.

A displenishing sale took place at the farm of Langlees, near Oakley (Mr Barclay's), on Saturday. Messrs Macdonald, Fraser, & Co., were the auctioneers. Despite wretched weather there was a large attendance of buyers, and good prices were obtained. The following were the top rates :—

Carts to	26	5	0
Reaper—binder	14	10	0
Cultivator	6	10	0
Cows	20	0	0
Horses	57	0	0
Hay, per stack	9	15	0
Grain ,,	8	0	0
Potatoes, per st	3	5	0

Turnips from 11d to 1s 6d per 40 yards.

"A good sale" for the tenants were the words of people attending the sale; but the weather was fearful.

DEATH OF COMMANDER OF FIFE YEOMANRY.

FATALLY WOUNDED AT SYFERFONTEIN.

EXPIRES IN HOSPITAL.

Many in Fife and district, from association and personal acquaintance, will regret to hear of the death of Captain W. B. Hodge, 12th Lancers, Captain Hodge commanded the 20th Company 5th Battalion Imperial Yeomanry (the Fife troop), now serving in South Africa. An official casualty list states that he was dangerously wounded at Syferfontein on October 31st, and that he died in hospital on the following day. Letters from time to time have been received from the men under his command showed that he was a popular officer, respected for his soldierly qualities and bravery in the field as well as for the friendly relations which existed between him and all whom he led. In Cupar, where he did so much hard and useful work in connection with the embodiment and training of the Fife troop, his memory will long be cherished as that of a gallant soldier and courteous gentleman.

The crew of a big liner is about 250 men. One hundred and fifty more look after the comfort of the passengers.

The coast line of the Chinese Empire exceeds 2000 miles, and the land frontier is 4400 miles.

THE WEDDING OF THE CHURCHES.

FREE AND U.P. JOIN HANDS.

GREAT MEETING IN DUNFERMLINE.

A DISCORDANT NOTE BREAKS OVER THE PROCEEDINGS.

All was not harmony at the great Dunfermlin meeting in celebration of the marriage of the two ecclesiastic bodies—the Free and U.P. Churches. The words of the Psalm which was sung—

Behold how good a thing it is, and how becoming well,
Together such as brethren are in unity to dwell—

did not meet with the approval of the whole of those who were present. More's the pity. All had gone as sweetly and harmoniously as a wedding ceremony when at that stage of the proceedings, just as Mr John Ross was about to speak, a few

ILL-ADVISED BUT PERHAPS WELL-MEANING CRANKS

rose and offered a musical protest. The protest, it would seem, was due to Mr Ross's advocacy of the Gothenburg public-house principle in Cowdenbeath—from about which quarter it is alleged the protesters hailed. What the misguided enthusiasts imagined they would gain by their behaviour it is difficult to understand. They have gained nothing but ridicule, and that is all they deserved to gain; for they took both the wrong time and place to vent their disapproval of Mr Ross. The incident was an unfortunate one, as it broke the stream of harmony which would have flowed from beginning to end of the proceedings. However, it was not so bad as current rumour made it. Some people heard that Mr Ross was hissed down—that he was not allowed to speak—which is altogether untrue. Mr Ross did speak, and added to his dignity by taking not the slightest notice of the unseemly interruption. To leave the matter, however, and come to the aims of the meeting, let us detail in a word or two the points raised.

UNION—ITS LESSONS.

The CHAIRMAN (Rev. James Brown, Lochgelly) said the Union had three lessons—the first being thankfulness to God for bringing about the happy union after 37 years' separation. The second was to cherish the memory of the great men who began the movement—Principal Rainy—a Moses and Joshua in one, and the only survivor of the original committee of 37 years ago. His last lesson was that they ought to cultivate brotherly love with ministers of the Established Church of Scotland, and he hinted that by doing so a greater Union might be accomplished.

Provost SCOBIE felt that that was one of the greatest ecclesiastical movements of the century, and was in striking contrast to the Disruption. He believed that one motive alone guided this Union, and that was the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

Rev. J. G. CRAWFORD said the two Churches had been trying to find out what they agreed upon and not what they disagreed about. Their engagement had been long, and if it aroused curiosity rather than enthusiasm were they not enthusiastic now that it had been consummated? Mr Crawford was unfortunate in not having his speech finished. The bell rang before he was prepared for it.

UNION—ITS OBLIGATIONS.

Rev. THOMAS MITCHELL, Cowdenbeath, said that when they had the good fortune to have a vacancy they would be absolutely impartial in their choice. The result would soon be that the two bodies would become so interwoven that it would be impossible to say which was which.

Mr D. D. BLAIR thought the stipends of ministers should be increased under the new regime. His address was characterised by the usual overflow of good humour, one gentle poke at the architects, and lawyers who live in affluence being much enjoyed.

Rev. WM. C. DICKSON pleaded for a strongly Evangelical Church and an increased enthusiasm in missionary enterprise.

UNION—ITS IDEALS.

The Rev. DAVID IMRIE was candid. He said he had not voted for this Union, because he had hoped to see a larger Union of all the Churches. But he pointed out that when his will was crossed—and this Union was the will of God—he worked all the more heartily for the cause just for that reason. His ideal church would deal with all social questions—especially education.

Mr JOHN ROSS said he hoped to see a larger Union yet, but that would never be obtained by sending round the red flag to the Abbey asking them to come and debate the question in St Margaret's Hall. The goodness they exhibited would be the best feature to draw any other church into union with themselves.

Rev. R. ALEXANDER said that if perfection in personal character and honour for Christ was the aim of these two Churches, then it was not possible for them to have a higher ideal, but they ought to see that it was to be preached and maintained, and they must take care to avoid jealousies and sectarianism now that they were married.

THE MUSIC.

The singing part of the proceedings was really excellent, the soloists acquitting themselves with great credit. The choir was drawn from members of choirs belonging to both bodies. A Free Church conductor (Mr JAS. MOODIE) wielded the baton, and a U.P. organist (Mr G. F. Howells) was the accompanist.

FATAL FALL DOWN A KINGSEAT PIT.

A TERRIBLE DEATH.

Alexander Ferguson, a blacksmith, resident in the village of Halbeath, Dunfermline, met with a terrible death in No. 3 pit, Kingseat Colliery, Dunfermline, on Saturday afternoon. Saturday was the usual fortnightly idle day at the pits, and Ferguson was employed for the most part of the day with the work of shoeing the ponies underground. He finished his work for the day among the ponies in the Dean Seam, one of the upper seams of No. 3 pit. He and the groom, Thomas Wilson, got to the Dean Seam bottom at three o'clock, and gave the usual signal for ascent.

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THE QUEEN OF THE ROSES.

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CHAPTER X.

A FORTUNATE MAN.

The *pallo*, or horse-racing, at Bagheria was one of the chief, if not the chief event of the year. A very old custom, it was kept up on the festival of Sant' Aloi, the patron-saint of horses, and derived its name from the fact that the winners commonly received cloaks or mantles as prizes. It was regarded as a fixture well worthy of remembrance by the Sicilian aristocracy, who generally attended in large numbers, and by the magnificence of their attire contributed to a very brilliant scene.

Signor Salomone's thoughts often travelled wistfully to this and similar diversions, at which he would gladly have been present; but any inclination he might feel to attend was at once checked by a formidable doubt. It would be ridiculous for so great a man to confess it; and yet, how would the nobles receive him? At one time this question would have allowed of but one reply. His approaches would have been repelled as an unwarrantable intrusion. Even now, though the proud people were in one sense as puppets in his hands, he felt he could not force their friendship, and it would hardly minister to his vanity to know that he figured as the skeleton in their feast. So he had been compelled to forego what would have been a supreme pleasure—that of mingling with the Baronage in their amusements.

Suddenly, to his intense surprise, that wild, impossible dream, that arch-ambition, seemed destined to fulfilment. A letter reached him one day, in the handwriting of Baron Pietro, in which he was cordially invited to make one of a party which was to include his Excellency the Viceroy. Salomone was a shrewd man, and on comparing the advantages of this path to distinction with those of the plan in his pigeon-hole decided without hesitation in favour of the former. Momentarily, therefore, the Baron and his family were saved.

Signor Salomone did not usually encourage familiarity on the part of his clerk, looking upon him, indeed, as a dutiful, intelligent slave whose only purpose in life was punctually to discharge his allotted tasks. On the present occasion, however, he could not restrain his excess of joyful feeling. Having drafted an acceptance of his client's invitation in polite yet crafty terms, he turned to Biagio and remarked:

"I seem to be rising in the world."

"I beg pardon, your worship?" interrogated the hireling, to whom his master appeared to have long since attained the summit of earthly greatness.

"I observed that I seem to be rising in the world. I should have said that the stupid Barons are at last waking up to my importance."

"Ahd very proper, too, sir. You ought to be a Baron yourself."

"As, indeed, I may be some day. But it is desirable that a Baron should be the possessor of landed estates—if possible, of wide domains—and I, at present, own not so much as an acre."

"But that need not remain as an obstacle for ever. As I have heard your worship say, money is the great talisman."

"Money—and the ability to apply it wisely."

"Of course, sir. I didn't mean that I myself might become a Baron, if only I had money. Of course not, sir." And Biagio laughed at the supposition.

The money-lender smiled grimly. "Hardly," he thought.

"Excuse me, your worship, but you didn't mention your new honour," continued the clerk.

"Honour! Well, I suppose is intended as such. I am asked to meet the Viceroy and a select company at Bagheria, at the forthcoming races."

"Oh, indeed, sir. I congratulate you with all my heart. And is Signor Ludovico to accompany you?"

"Signor Ludovico is not to accompany me. By the way, Biagio, you seem a long time learning that boy's true position in my household. He is a pauper, suffered by my generosity to eat at my table, but nothing more. If he behaves well, it may turn out for his advantage, but otherwise I shall please myself whether I provide further for him, now that he is capable of earning his own bread. He is on his trial."

"Most people look upon him, honoured sir, as your heir. They know of no other relation."

"Most people, worthy fellow, are fools, and had better mind their own business. I don't feel in the humour for dying just yet. When I do, I shall know how to dispose of my property without advice from others. Already, however, I have made my will, and I daresay you would like to know how much has been bequeathed to you."

"I should be shocked to inquire, sir. It would be too impertinent."

"Nevertheless, I will tell you. Nothing at all, Biagio; nothing at all."

The clerk's countenance fell. He had always imagined that, when at last his master shuffled off this mortal coil, his long and faithful services would not be forgotten. However, Signor Salomone was a strange being.

"You needn't look so downcast," continued the money-lender. "It is easy to add a codicil."

"Then why not make haste and do it? You are already getting on for ninety, Biagio did *not* say. In his position he only dared to think.

"As regards that, I presumed Signor Salomone, who seemed to revel in playing on the poor man's sensitive nerves, "I'm not sure that I shan't startle the world by appointing you my heir. The age is full of surprises, though perhaps not more than former times, and it would be a real pleasure to add to the confusion."

Biagio quivered with excitement.

"But don't count too surely on that happening. You are like Ludovico—on your trial. In consideration, however, of your general merits, you may henceforward draw a ducat a week in addition to your present wage."

Biagio intimated his gratitude, and the conversation ended.

CHAPTER XI.

THE PALIO.

Dressed in rich velvet, which, however, was of a modest black, as became his years and position, the lord of finance was watching the races at Bagheria from a pavilion erected on the grounds by his debtor. The Baron La Grua and his wife were all amiability, and as their efforts to please were warmly seconded by the Viceroy, Signor Salomone was perfectly at his ease. The society was delightful, and his spirits rose apace. It was, perhaps, somewhat late in life to be reaping the fruit of so many years of drudgery, but any way it was better than serving merely as a ladder by which some stripling like Ludovico might attain to such pleasures without having done anything to deserve them.

The Lady Elisabetta, now that the acquaintance had been forced on her, felt curious to learn the secret of Salomone's success. Several times she attempted to draw him into conversation on the subject, but he invariably put her off with a polite evasion. He was not disposed to "talk shop," even if his methods had been such as would bear inspection. On another point, his conduct was not altogether pleasing to her. After discussing the question with her husband, she had decided to bring forward Caterina on the occasion. She was already a big girl, with a face like a picture, and her step-mother thought that the Viceroy might be induced, on seeing her, to quit his bachelorhood and venture upon matrimony.

Signor Salomone, however, though without intention or knowledge, seemed perversely to occupy himself in spoiling this project.

The more she sought to engage the money-lender's attention by speaking of subjects congenial to his habits and flattering to his pride, the more that extraordinary person attached himself to Caterina. What attractions a chit of a girl could possess for a man old enough to be her grandfather the Lady Elisabetta could not divine; but the fact was patent, and she saw with regret that unless the octogenarian could be diverted from this ridiculous pursuit one half of her project would inevitably fall to the ground. It never occurred to her that the reason why Salomone addressed himself to her step-daughter was to avoid *her*. The financier, however, had taken the alarm, and was not going to play Samson to her Delilah—not he! But he had, it seems, another reason.

"Yes, signorina, I was both surprised and grieved at Ludovico. It was my great wish for him that he should take orders like your lamented relative; and had he done so I should have exerted all my influence to advance him in his profession. I am ignorant of his motive in changing, but I have sometimes been led to suspect that there is something in the wind—I mean, that the young simpleton is in love."

Caterina blushed. "Is he acquainted with many ladies?" she asked.

"Not many ladies, I should say; but he knows some disreputable girls in the city. At least, that is what Biagio tells me. Of late, I fancy, he has raised his eyes higher."

A choking sensation made it difficult for her to speak, but after a struggle she succeeded in saying: "Do you know who the lady is?"

"I don't know, but I guess. If the person is whom I think, nothing could be more mad. Not only would her parents infinitely oppose such a match, but I should shew my sense of his frantic behaviour by immediately turning him out of the house, and leaving him to get on as best he could. I couldn't possibly allow him to embroil me in misunderstandings with my clients."

Here an interruption occurred, caused by a general silence.

Another heat! Five or six coursers were led to the starting-post, their manes and tails entwined with sundry leaves—oak and ivy and bay—and their backs and flanks flitted with pendent balls, tufts of feathers, spurs, and other devices to urge them forward in the race. The prizes were laid out in full view of the competitors, the first consisting of a wooden eagle gilt and a store of large silver pieces.

"One—two—three!" rang the voice of the starter, and away flew the horses like lightning. Amidst the shouts of the spectators who craned their necks in eager observation of their changing order, they ran swarming round the course and were soon back again. It was a close thing, but the chestnut mare of a certain "Nino the White" was adjudged to have won by a head.

Then followed a quaint but pleasing episode. The stable-boy whom lucky Signor Antonio had hired as rider led the winner through the midst of the crowd in triumph, singing as he did so a *fiore*—that is, a short verse in praise of his steed. It was something like this:

Hurrah! hurrah! for my bonny chestnut mare:
On wind I rest her, on wind I ant on air,
Ant that is how the mantle I wear.

Meanwhile the crowd, instead of uniting in generous applause, expressed their joy or disappointment by congratulations or words of disparagement.

Although one of her father's horses had been entered, and looked for some time as if he would win, Caterina took but scant interest in the event—how could she, after hearing such things?—whilst her companion, Signor Salomone, was almost as listless. Truth to tell, he cared very little for sport proper: what he enjoyed was personal *éclat*.

This was the last race of the list, and the party now prepared to return to the villa, where the Barons were giving a grand dinner in honour of the occasion. The Lady Elisabetta, like a conscientious step-mother, tried to arrange so that Caterina and the Viceroy might drive home in the same vehicle. At the last moment, however, his Excellency bethought him of something he wished to say to his fellow-guest the money-lender, and offered his place in the coach to a young kinsman, Count Renato de Castro. The latter was extremely handsome, with sparkling black eyes, and his manners were most engaging. To prevent mischief, though such had not been her original intention, the Lady Elisabetta jumped into the coach with them.

Renato began to rally Caterina on her cavalier. "The old men are in luck to-day," he remarked.

"What do you mean?" asked the maiden innocently.

"Why, it isn't every gentleman past eighty who can engross the notice of a pretty girl. Some of us younger blades were quite mad, I can tell you!"

"If that was the case," replied Caterina laughingly, "it certainly was most unkind of him to monopolise me. I can assure you, however, that neither of us had any idea that we were annoying you."

The Lady Elisabetta blushed. She felt she ought to say something, but did not quite see where to begin. She resolved to wait.

"Well, we shall never forgive you if you allow the Queen of the Roses to be plucked by an old man."

"The Queen of the Roses!" exclaimed Caterina, perplexed.

"Yes; that is the name by which we always toast you. I hope you are pleased with it."

"I don't object to the name," was her reply, "but I'm not sure that I like the thought of being toasted."

"Absurd!" he cried. "It is a most natural compliment for young men to pay to those they admire, and this toast is always received with an ovation."

"I don't see why."

"It is easily explained. As a beauty and the only daughter of our *Indipendente*, you are as it were public property. Is it not so, signora?"

"As you have appealed to me," answered the Lady Elisabetta contemptuously, "I will tell you candidly my opinion of the young men of the present day, and that is that they are a set of asses. When they meet together the fools ignore the plain facts of life and rave about young women as they have hardly seen, just as if that would alter matters. Perhaps in a few months' time the girl's parents arrange an advantageous match for her, and what then becomes of all their toastings? Fortunately, their goddesses have more sense, and know better than to confide themselves to the tender mercies of these love-sick spouters. As a wise princess once said: 'I wedded my first husband to please my parents; my second to please myself.' When her young friend here is a widow, she will be welcome to do as she likes; at present, she well understands she must obey her father and myself."

"Great Jove!" I hardly expected such a lecture as that!" replied the Count, pretending to look crestfallen. "Doubtless your ladyship speaks sound sense; but I sadly fear the young ranters are incorrigible, and that we shall go on raving about the Queen of the Roses until you have disposed of her. May that be long!"

To which the Baroness made answer: "Fudge!"

On arriving at the villa the guests withdrew to their apartments to dress for dinner. In connection with this item of the procedure an incident took place which had been rehearsed neither in the Lady Elisabetta's imagination nor in that of anybody else. It was as follows: Lisa, who, it will be recollected, had been chosen to succeed Florinna as lady-in-waiting, had duly adorned her young mistress, and watched her descend the stairs with just a touch of envy. They had been playmates; now a huge chasm intervened between them, and while Caterina was decked like a fairy and would be circled with bows and smiles, Lisa must stand aside unregarded. Though the mirror shewed her that of the two the peasant-girl was the more beautiful—and the mirror could not deceive—nobody would care for Lisa, nobody would even greet her.

Whilst thoughts like these were passing through her mind, suddenly a door opened, and out came the Viceroy. Lisa had imagined that all the gentlemen were below in the dining-room. If so happened, however, that his Excellency, having been repeatedly hindered in his return, was late; hence this unlooked-for meeting. On perceiving her mistake the girl sought to retire, but the Viceroy, struck by her exceeding loveliness, would not permit her.

"Stay a moment, fair one," he said. "What is your name?"

"Lisa, may it please your Excellency."

"Odd that you should have the same name as your mistress! Where did you come by all that beauty, pray?"

"I got it from my mother, I suppose, sir."

"Not from your reputed father, I'll swear. Well, are you going to give me a kiss?"

Lisa knew not what to answer. She blushed, and smiled, and blushed again, to the end of it was that the gentleman put his arm round her waist and gave her a very warm embrace indeed. With that he must needs be content, as dinner had been already delayed for him.

Gaining the dining-room, his Excellency found a seat reserved for him next to the Lady Caterina and opposite Signor Salomone. The Viceroy, though consenting to stand by the La Grua in recognising him, did not greatly admire the money-lender, with whom he had conversed a good deal earlier in the day. He therefore devoted himself almost entirely to his fair neighbour. The Lady Elisabetta, from the other end of the table, noted this with much satisfaction. The bait was thoughbeginning to take.

The truth was, the intended suitor considered Caterina as any man in his senses was bound to do—a very charming girl, but matrimony was not in his line. Moreover, another vision of female perfection had stepped in to obscure this. The Lady Elisabetta should have been more careful; but it is impossible, even for the wiliest, to provide against all accidents.

After discoursing for some time on general topics, his Excellency ventured to touch on the delicate subject of Caterina's abigail.

"I caught a glimpse of your satellite just now, signorina."

"Lisa?" she asked.

"Yes. It is not every lady who can afford to keep such a paragon near her. However, the sun will hardly be jealous of the moon."

"She is very handsome," said Caterina—"handsomer far than I."

The Viceroy looked a little disconcerted. It was clear that the girl was not fooled by his flattery.

"Who is she?" he went on. "One of the neighbouring peasantry, I suppose."

"She is a native of Bagheria," answered Caterina. "I have known her ever since we were little; but it was the Lady Elisabetta who chose her to wait upon me. I should have preferred my old nurse Florinna."

"You are faithful to old friends, then?"

"I haven't many, so perhaps I cling to them the more."

The Viceroy looked serious. He thought her a sweet girl, and if he was to marry at all, he would like to have a wife attached to old friends. It seemed to indicate a sincere and kindly nature. But he himself had been a *roué* too long. It would be dishonest to exchange his base metal for her pure gold.

These reflections were not precisely joyous; so he hastened to rid himself of them by a jest.

"I say, Salomone," he remarked, calling across the table, "this young lady has been telling me that she adores old friends. Now is the time to make your market."

"Ah, illustrious sir," was the reply, "I may be an old man, but I am a young friend."

"Well, it is fortunate for you to be a young something."

"That depends. It isn't fortunate to be a fool at any age."

"True; but there is no fool, they say, like an old fool."

Signor Salomone looked annoyed. Not only was he at a loss for a retort, but he shrewdly suspected that the Viceroy's thrust might have a definite point. Anyway, the speech was unlucky. It roused the devil in the money-lender, and when devils are roused somebody is sure to suffer. For the present, however, there was no palpable result, and before the close of the evening all appeared to be most friendly and cordial.

Just as the party was breaking up, the Baron drew Count de Castro aside, and whispered to him: "I may as well settle that little matter with you at once. Come with me to my room."

"Certainly, if you wish; but I am in no hurry."

La Grua led the way to his library, and sitting down, made out a bill for three thousand ducats. This he presented to the young nobleman with an assumption of great cheerfulness. De Castro, however, had caught the scarce audible sigh as the draft was signed, and now marked the latent despondency.

"Oblige me by taking this back," he said. "We were both terribly excited when the bet was made, and, to be honest with you, I don't feel justified in accepting your note."

"Thanks," replied the Baron, "but you know that is impossible."

(To be continued.)

SPORTS AND PASTIMES IN WEST FIFE.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

GLASGOW CUP.
FINAL.
Rangers, 3; Partick Thistle, 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
FIRST DIVISION.
Dundee, 1; Celtic, 1.
St Mirren, 4; Queen's Park, 3.
Mortor, 1; Third Lanark, 0.
Hearts, 3; Kilmarnock, 1.

OTHER MATCHES.
Clackmannan, 3; Dunfermline Athletic 2.
Vale of Wemyss, 2; Our Boys, 1.
Hibernians, 3; Raith Rovers, 2.
St Bernard's, 2; Abercorn, 0.
Broomhall, 5; Townhill United, 0.
Dunfermline Reserves, 4; Lumphinnans, 2.

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC V. CLACKMANNAN.

These teams met for the second time to play off their King Cup tie on Saturday. The weather was dull and threatening, but happily the rain kept off. Owing to the miserable state of the ground, it was decided to play a friendly match. There was a rather meagre turnout of spectators. The following were the teams:—

Athletic—Sharp; Bauldie, Hynd; Strang, Johnston, and Keir; Black, Pitcairn, Henderson, Beattie, and Johnston.

Clackmannan—C. Wilson; Adamson, Campbell; Reid, G. Whyte, Beveridge; J. Whyte, J. Wilson, Forsyth, Ferris, and Millar.—Wilson.

Referee—Mr Riddell.

Clackmannan won the toss, and Henderson kicked off for Athletic. Clackmannan at once pressed, but Bauldie cleared with a strong punt. Pitcairn got the ball and worked it well up the field, but, with his parting effort, shot past. From the free kick the County lads got well down, and kept Bauldie and Hynd a bit lively. Strang, getting the ball, sent it well up to Black, who had a grand run, and was in the act of shooting when he was tripped up by Campbell within the penalty line, and a penalty kick was granted. Pitcairn, who was disrobed with the kick, shot well, but the goalkeeper saved in a clever manner. Clackmannan came away and play in front of goal by Hynd, allowed Forsyth and Black play in front of goal by Hynd, allowed Forsyth and Black play in front of goal by Hynd, allowed Forsyth and Black