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Local News.

SEWING TEA MEETING.—Last night a sewing tea meeting was held at the Primitive Methodist school, the repast being provided by Mrs. Prosser.

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MR. HOOTON ON ART.—Mr. W. A. Hooton delivered an address last night week to the members of the Sketching Club on practical art subjects.

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SOUTH SHORE MISSION ROOM.—Last night in the above place of worship the Rev. J. S. Palmer delivered his lecture entitled "Looking Round Corners." Mr. W. Butcher presiding over a good attendance.

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ACCIDENT TO A CAB DRIVER.—On Saturday night last a cabdriver named Ashcroft, living at 5, Brunswick-street, was getting off the box of his landau when he slipped, and coming down heavily severely sprained his ankle. Dr. Barton was called, and the injured limb was attended to.

SOUTH SHORE Residents and Visitors cannot do better than visit HARRYWOOD, Church-street, for the best and cheapest Choice of Groceries and Provisions. Bacon Ale and Guinness's Extra Stout.

LIBERAL CLUB TEA.—On Tuesday evening the usual weekly sewing tea in connection with the Liberal Club were resumed after the Easter holidays. Councillor Ward gave the repast, and there was a good number present. The proceeds amounted to £5 6s. 8d. Next week the tea will be given by Mr. Chadwick, Little Layton.

Everyone should ask their Grocers for CLARKE & HEAP'S Sausages, Pudding, and Brawn, for they are undoubtedly the best in the Market.

"MY JACK."—This is the title of a drama this week being produced at Her Majesty's Opera House by Messrs. Yorke Stephen's and E. W. Garden's company. The drama is full of action and power, abounds in sensational incidents and splendid mechanical scenery, and withal is admirably acted. The houses have been good, and those who have not yet paid "My Jack" a visit should do so before the termination of the engagement.—"Black Diamonds," a sensational Anglo-Indian comedy-drama, is announced for next week.

Wedding Rings at PAYNE'S, 7, Market-street, Blackpool.

Coatings and Trimmings for Spring wear in an extensive collection at J. WILCOX, Tailor, 65, Talbot-road, Blackpool.

MECHANICS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY: EXCHEQUER BRANCH (BLACKPOOL).—At the annual meeting of the members of this Society, the officers were re-appointed as follows:—I.G., Mr. C. E. Hindle; D.M., Mr. Thomas Blackpool; treasurer, Mr. Henry Hall; medical officer, Dr. Williams; S.D., Mr. J. Forrest; J.D., Mr. T. Hardman; auditors, Messrs. J. Taylor and R. Clibburn; trustee, Mr. J. Winstanley; secretary, Mr. Thomas Southworth. The society has 192 members, and at the meeting £40 15s. 5d. was taken in subscriptions.

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A BLACKPOOL THIEF SENT TO PRISON.—At the Preston Quarter Sessions, on Wednesday, John Thomas Holden, 37, labourer, admitted having at Blackpool on the 8th March, stolen a coat, a vest, and a pair of boots, the property of Thomas Witt, and a watch and chain, the property of James Swarbrick. He was sent to prison for six calendar months, to be followed by two years' police supervision.—All details of the case will be found in our Police Court report, given in another part of this issue.

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DRIVING PIGS TO BLACKPOOL.—At the Kirkham Petty Sessions, on Monday, Thomas Barker was summoned for infringing the Contagious Diseases Animals Act 1878 to 1886, by removing pigs without having obtained an order. The offence was acknowledged. A police-constable stated that on Friday, the 27th ult., he met the defendant driving 32 pigs on the highway in the township of Carleton. Defendant intimated that the pigs had been consigned from Scotland to Blackpool railway station, and that he had no license for their removal.—Barker pleaded that the offence was not wilfully committed, but was a mere mistake.—The Chairman: You must remember that this is a very serious thing indeed. You are fined in the mitigated penalty of 10s. and costs.

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THE MARTON FOWL STEALING CASE.—Yesterday at the Preston Quarter Sessions Richard H. Fisher was charged with stealing six hens, the property of William Cartmell, sometime between the 5th February and 10th March. Prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to four calendar months' hard labour, and the Marton police supervision.—The facts of the case have already appeared.

Latest London shades in Spring overcoatings, at the Premises, Church-street, Blackpool.—WILCOX, Tailor, 65, Talbot-road, Blackpool.

A BAD BEGINNING.—On Wednesday at the Preston Sessions, Harry Windsor, 16, labourer, owned to having stolen 2s. 3d., the money of Messrs. Smith and Son, grocers, Blackpool station.—The lad effected an entrance to the station bookstall by enlarging the letter-box and withdrawing the bolts, and then took the money from the till.—This was the prisoner's first offence, and he was sent to gaol for six weeks.

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PROPERTY SALE AT BLACKPOOL.—On Monday evening, Mr. Jas. Butcher offered for sale at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool, the freehold dwelling-house No. 13, Imperial-terrace, Claremont-park, North Shore. The auctioneer, the vendors was Mr. John M. Nicholson, Cathedral Chambers, Chester. The first bid was £1,000, and this eventually was increased to £1,630, at a fine figure Mr. J. H. Wood, draper, Blackpool, became the purchaser.

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HONOURS FOR A LOCAL PLUMBER.—The *Plumber and Sanitary Review* (a high-class technical journal) having offered prize medals for efficiency in connection with wiped joint plumbing, the competitors have entered from all parts of England. Among those who succeeded in securing a bronze medal and certificate were Mr. Jas. Moloney, who is in the employ of Messrs. Worthington, of Birley-street, with whom he served his apprenticeship. This is not the first honour which has been awarded this talented plumber, and we cordially congratulate him upon his success.

CYCLISTS may learn their Machines and more than one hour, free of charge, at CLARKE'S Cycle Depôt, Adelaide-street, Fleetwood. Cycles repaired. Keys (Bewell Cycle, Northern Cross Tower, Raglan, Good Dicksons for Cash. Plating repaired and repaired.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE AT BLACKPOOL.—At a meeting of the Christ Church Debating Society, held on Monday evening, Herbert Rowley opened a debate on "The observance of the Sabbath in Blackpool." His resolution was as follows:—"That the non-observance of the Sabbath is decidedly wrong, and injurious both to nations and individuals." It was seconded by W. Moon. An amendment was proposed by G. H. Gillett, and seconded by W. Rowley, "That the spending of the Sabbath in Blackpool is not so flagrant as the masses." The voting resulted in a majority of six in favour of the resolution.

J. N. DAVIES is the Old Original Registrar of Marriages of the Fylde District, and can be sent during Office Hours at the Overseer's Office, Blackpool, Office Hours Office of Registrar, Lytham, to attend Deputy, Mr. Tom Fair, 11, Hibbert-street, Poulton-le-Fylde.

THEFT OF A HORSE AND TRAP.—Yesterday, at the Preston Quarter Sessions, William Richardson, sailor, was indicted for stealing a mare, harness, and other, the property of Abraham Richardson; and a bridle, saddle, pair of hames, and a pair of reins, belonging to Robert Lynas, at Warton, on the 12th March.—Both Lynas and Richardson were reluctant to prosecute.—The jury retired, and, after a lengthy absence, returned a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy, and prisoner was sentenced to two calendar months' imprisonment.

TENNIS.—Slasenger's celebrated Racquets, Balls, &c., largest stock to select from.—RIMMER and SMITH, Ironmongers.

THE BANKRUPTCY OF MRS. ARKINSALL.—A dividend of 1s. 1d. in the £ has just been declared to the creditors in the case of Mrs. Arkinsall, lodging-house keeper, of Blackpool, who was adjudged a bankrupt in 1887. Formerly a dividend of 3s. 6d. in the £ was paid, and on the bankrupt applying for the discharge, the judge acceded to the application on condition that £25 was paid for the benefit of the creditors, thus enabling the Official Receiver to declare the before supplementary dividend. The cost of realising the debtor's estate is put down at £175 19s. 2d., and the amount paid over to the creditors £309 19s.

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A SURPRISE: A SMART CAPTURE.—On Wednesday between four and five o'clock a man named Walter Percival managed to gain an entrance into the upper bar of the Bank Top Hotel Vaulis, and made off with 31s. 3d., leaving the town by the five o'clock train. The police heard of this, and immediately telephoned the Manchester and Salford force, and upon the arrival of the train at Salford Percival was some what surprised to find himself "nobbled" and walked off to the police station. He was conveyed to Blackpool, and brought up yesterday afternoon before Alderman McNaughtan, and remanded for a week.

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RATEPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS' DEFENCE ASSOCIATION.—At a meeting of gentlemen held at the Clifton Arms Hotel, on Monday evening, it was decided to form an association with the above title, for the purpose of watching the proceedings of the Corporation in reference to their extravagant property-purchasing scheme in the neighbourhood of the stables, and other kindred subjects, which are calculated to entail an immense increase in the rates without benefiting the town." Mr. A. Lomax was appointed secretary. There will be no membership fee. The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday next at the same place, at the same hour, eight o'clock. All ratepayers are invited to attend.

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BLACKPOOL TRADESMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND THE RAILWAY SERVICE.—It will be remembered that some time ago a memorial was got up for signature by the Blackpool Tradesmen's Association asking for better train service for Blackpool. This memorial has had over 300 signatures appended. After some courteous correspondence between the Railway Companies' secretary and the Association, it was ascertained that a meeting of the joint companies would be held in Manchester to consider the matter, and the Association wrote, through Mr. Hetherington, the secretary, to request them to receive a deputation at that meeting. It was, however, decided that the petition should be laid before the meeting on Thursday and that a deputation should wait on the companies at another joint meeting to be held on the 28th prox.

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THE FORTHCOMING MAY-DAY PROCESSION AT BLACKPOOL.—The suggestion thrown out in these columns has been promptly acted upon, for on Wednesday evening a meeting of the leading projectors and persons interested in the usual May-Day procession, was held at the Town Hall, Blackpool, Mr. Arthur Taylor presiding. The balance-sheet was presented, showing that £50 was received last year, and that this had been handed to the Preston Infirmary. A committee was appointed to carry out the details of the show, and Alderman Cardwell, and Councillors Nickson, Bonny, Ward, and Worthington were again appointed on the Bank Committee. Resolution fixing that of judging. Collectors were elected, and it was decided that collecting books be supplied to the bands. It was resolved that this year the tradesmen should be allowed to lead their carts with all kinds of goods, and that the trade displays be considered in the judging for the merit cards.

EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected Cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack, when there is a weak point of constitution. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame."—Civil Service Gazette.—Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold only in packets by Grocers, labelled thus, JAMES EPPS & CO., Homœopathic Chemists, London.

LATE FOOTBALL.—Last night Marton and Blackpool Olympic met at Bispham Hall in the semi-final tie of the Fylde Junior Cup Competition. Marton won a hard game by three goals to Preston, of the Olympic, unfortunately got his knee put out.—Blackpool have arranged to go to Manchester on Monday to play Ardwick.

HAIRDRESSING TALON-MADE DRESSES from 50s., at J. WILCOX'S Ladies' Tailor, 65, Talbot-road.

CONCERT AT COPP.—On Friday evening last a concert in aid of the funds of Copp Cricket Club was given to a moderate audience in the Copp schoolroom. The first portion was taken by the following gentlemen, viz., Messrs. L. Myles (Blackpool), Miss Waring, and Miss Tomlinson (Great Eccleston), Mr. Jas. Hodgson (Copp) and Best (St. Michaels). The second portion was contributed by the Fylde Amateur Christy Minstrels, who, for several years successfully good, and created much amusement. The funds of the club were considerably augmented by the proceeds.

T. DIXON, Registrar for Births, Deaths, and Marriages, 43, Cookson-street, opposite Bailey Hotel, Blackpool.

THE SALVATION ARMY AT FLEETWOOD.—With the arrival of Capt. Watson and his wife at the Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool, the Army in Blackpool is now to receive a great impetus, and already some very promising fruit is in the Gardens. Night after night, Sundays included, page of lads come shouting, throwing stones, breaking windows and pelting the people generally filthy talk—in fact doing anything to cause a disturbance.

It is not the slightest use for anyone round here interfering, because they will get nothing but insults for their pains. The lads, for instance, a man, living in the above street, went out to see if he could get a policeman, but he had no sooner turned out than he was hailed with stones, so you see that it is not only a nuisance, but dangerous. Something in the matter will reach shiny heads, I remain, yours truly,

AN EYE-WITNESS.

A CALL TO THE LODGING-HOUSE KEEPERS.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a little space in your next issue, to intimate to the Lodging-house keepers of Blackpool, a petition which has been recently signed asking the Railway Companies to grant the issue of mid-weekly tickets, and to adopt the eight-day tickets (available from Saturday to Saturday) instead of the ten-day as at present, is to be presented to the directors of the L. and Y., and L. and N.W. Railway Companies at their next joint meeting in Manchester in May.

I wish further to suggest to the officials of the "Lodging-house Keepers' Association" that their Association might without trouble promote a similar petition, to be signed by company-house keepers, which could be presented along with the tradesmen's petition. This would be of great service, and would add much weight to the appeal.

Hoping that some steps will be taken in this matter immediately.—I am, Sir, yours, &c.,

J. HETHERINGTON, Secretary,
Blackpool Tradesmen's Association.
35, Market-street, April 9, 1891.

THE HEALTH OF BLACKPOOL.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—I have been much interested in reading the exhaustive and admirably prepared report upon the health of the town, as published by the Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Dr. T. W. Butcher. Taken as a whole the progress reported in the hygienic condition of the town may be regarded as satisfactory, and there is no doubt that this is principally due to the wise and thorough measures adopted by the Sanitary Committee of the Council in causing a searching examination by the smoke test of the drains of every house in the town, and compelling the immediate remedy of the defects found existing. Many of us are too fond of congratulatory reflections and commending the action of the Council Committee without knowing the details of the sanitary measures proposed, but it is important that the Sanitary Committee too much for the energetic measures they have taken for the improvement of the health of the town, and it is to be hoped they will shortly see their way to carry out the further reforms indicated by Dr. Butcher. My principal object in writing is to invite to call to public notice the exceedingly low death rate of Blackpool (12·7 per 1000, South Shore), 11·6 per 1000, may be still further reduced by deducting the deaths of visitors 2 per 100, keeping the population low rate of 9·2 per 1000 for the inhabitants only. As a native and living resident of South Shore, I am greatly pleased to see the low death rate of the adjacent of this end of the town, and without wishing to disparage the claims of other parts of the town, thought by invidious comparison, we cannot but be proud with the large difference in the death rate. The fact that South Shore is the best drained part of the town that has and for its outcoil, and is not so bleak as the more elevated portions of the town, may help to account for the low death rate, and I hope that the public spirit of the inhabitants and the watchfulness of its representatives will enable it to be kept in present satisfactory position in the annual report of the medical officer of health.—I am, yours, &c.

C. P. B.

South Shore, April 7th.

THE SAND NUISANCE AT SOUTH SHORE.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,—It is indeed quite time for something to be considered and done by the Corporation of Blackpool, that is, the Town Council, as to the ever-growing plague of sand encroachment upon the promenade, carriageway, and footpaths, and the ever-growing fronting houses from the bottom end of South Shore as far northwards as Wellington-road. I estimate that an average amount has during seventy tons of the unwelcome material upon the parts already named. The magishly condition of the carriageway makes it dangerous, and causes trouble and expense to some sixty householders, as well as the cost borne by the Corporation in having to remove the sand. The many tons of almost useless material, together with the damage done to the neighbouring drains and sewers, by the washing down of the sand therein, and to say nothing of the annoyance to visitors and pedestrians is enough evidence of the urgent need for prompt effort to at least lessen if not altogether do away with this expensive nuisance. The hindrance to the public convenience, the injury to tramcars and other expense entailed by the local Tram Company might also be cited as further proof of the trouble caused by the little grains of sand," when not in their own natural place.

I know it is not child's play to tackle and overcome a matter of this character, but after the tiggle and haggle of brains any improvement can be made in this particular, South Shore will be blessed very thankful, and Blackpool greatly benefited generally. For the consideration of those whom it may concern, I suggest an artificial channel for the sand, by means of a small engine for sand ploughing, on the sands in a parallel line with the bulking, into which any natural accumulation of sand would be ploughed, and thus stop the travelling of the light blowing sand. Or, say, fix on the upper portion of the sea shore an iron box or cold approved shape of spout having perforations therein, to be connected with the Sea Water Company's adjoining mains, so that in case of high tides and storms the water may be turned on and thus stop the progress of the sand along the bulking shore. Then, again, an iron or wood barricade might be fixed along the upper portion of the bulking somewhat similar to that fixed along the promenade at Lytham, for the sea soldiers. If ever, flows over the promenade along the length of frontage I have indicated. Or fix a temporary wooden barricade at the "tidal action" may form water pools at their back, which will act as a sand detainer. Then the promenade might be extended westward on iron pillars (after the fashion of Central Beach), only on a much smaller scale owing to lot or diminished height of the promenade at South Shore, and thus allow the front sand to hide itself under the "swing." By-the-by, Mr. J. Lund seems to have suggested that a "committee was empowered by our Council to consider and to report on the improvement matter, up to the present the public have not heard of any report having been presented. Having pen in hand, and feeling sore as at least would be the proceeding, I suggest that our borough engineer's department should be instructed to take an annual survey of the sands, to note the varying developments, the deviations of its water channels, the formation of sand mounds, and of their general contour, and keep a record of the proceedings, as a reliable data may exist in the archives of the borough. I am sure that the remarkable changes that are at least would be remarked, nature that is generally believed, there being many feet of variation as to levels. Some day our ratepayers will be compelled, and we have to face into with a big question of "sand versus water." I note that our neighbours at St. Annes-on-the-Sea have commenced to put up to rut or sand-channelling in the event of the Ribble or other developments affecting their sands, and I hope the ratepayers will not may express opinions by voice or pen on this matter, so that the best methods may obtain up to those questions. I remain, yours faithfully,

WILLIAM BUTCHER.

Fraser House, South Shore,
April 7th, 1891.

THE CORPORATION AND THE POLICE STATION.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—Will you allow me a little space in your valuable paper to call the attention of the Corporation in the matter of purchasing the police stations in Abingdon-street and at South Shore. Your readers will have already been seen from newspaper reports that the Corporation sanctioned the purchase of the South Shore Police Office, but declined to accept a counter offer for the Abingdon-street station. Now, sir, I take it that the Corporation when they asked the County authorities to purchase the South Shore Police Office did so in good faith and with the best and unethoumable intentions, namely to purchase the same. Well, what do they say now? Well, what do we find? Why, they are simply dumb! They do not say that the price is too high, neither do they say that *they are going to erect other offices, and will not require the Abingdon-street Station.* They simply decline to make a counter offer to the authorities. If the price asked is considered too much, why on earth don't they have the courage and honesty to say so, and make the authorities a reasonable offer? No doubt the authorities are anxious to get as much for the Abingdon-street Police Station as possible, as the Corporation, as the custodians of the public purse, have a right to get it as cheaply as possible. Then, why don't the Corporation make an offer of what they consider to be a reasonable sum? for there can be no doubt that the authorities will be glad to sell, for what other profitable use can they put the premises to? None better than what they are now used for. I would like to ask why the ratepayers are not informed of the reason the Corporation will not submit a counter offer for those buildings. It cannot be that they are considered too small, for it is not a fact that they contain more area than is required by the Home Office, and more than it was intended to set apart in the "Report" of the Corporation? What is the reason I ask? I am afraid we have not far to look for it. It means very much like a repetition of that mad, extravagant, senseless Victoria-square scheme. Ratepayers beware. Look out: be up and doing: don't sit as honest mill the wolf enters the fold. If you don't want to be crushed with increased rates, demand from your representatives in the Council that they give a reason for the non-purchase of these central and exceedingly suitable police premises. Demand from them some information of what they propose doing in respect of police accommodation, which was the primary reason for the proposed erection of the New Town Hall, and the providing of a large square at a cost of many thousands of pounds, to be converted into a huge "stable yard," otherwise called a market. Ratepayers speak out on this matter: it is of the highest importance.—Yours &c.,

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April 8th 1891.

TO THE EDITOR.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed please find a copy of letter sent this day to the Town Clerk. I should be glad if you would kindly insert same in to-morrow's issue of the *Herald*.—I am, yours truly (on behalf of the parties concerned),

A. LOMAX, Acting Secretary.

28, Cannon-street, Blackpool,
April 9th, 1891.

(Copy)
Christ Church Vicarage,
Blackpool.

MY DEAR SIR,—Allow me to call your attention to the fact that the Mayor of Blackpool on the 30th of February convened a meeting of ratepayers, and submitted a resolution for the approval of the meeting respecting a scheme for building new Police Stations. After the ratepayers had considered and discussed the resolution they decided by a considerable majority to reject the Corporation proposal, and to advise them to negotiate with the County Council for the purchase of the police premises in Abingdon-street. We therefore are surprised to see from the report in the *Blackpool Times* that the Corporation have decided not to negotiate with the County Council, and we have reason to know that the County Council are prepared to accept terms of a favourable character. We therefore, as members of the Ratepayers' Defence Association, ask you to inform the public through us the reason of your refusing to carry out the decision arrived at by the public meeting convened by the municipal authorities of the town.—Signed on behalf of the meeting,

JOSEPH SMITH (Chairman).
C. H. WAINWRIGHT.

Over Wyre Notes.

Sir W. Hasscard led the Opposition to the Horse (Close Time) Bill, which passed the second reading in the House of Commons on Wednesday evening.

An interesting fact. The Vicar of Stalmine stated at last week's vestry that there had been fewer deaths and marriages in the parish during the past year than he had ever known.

The Garstang Entire Horse Show was held yesterday (Thursday) in a field adjoining the Kings Arms Hotel, Garstang.

The Vicar of Stalmine wishes to correct a slight error he inadvertently made at the recent vestry meeting. He stated that that was the fourteenth time that Mr. W. Whiteside had been appointed vicar's warden. He should have said the sixteenth.

Mr. J. B. Johnson, of Belle Vue, Out Rawcliffe, has this week lost a valuable mare. The mare, which was six years old, was by Young Lincoln, dam by Ploughboy. She was never shown, but a couple of her foals by Northern King have been successfully taken prizes at Pilling, Rawcliffe, and Garstang.

The election of guardians for several townships in the Garstang Union is arousing a good deal of interest. For the parish of Hambleton, Mr. Robert Hodgson of Parkside, Hambleton, has been nominated, as well as Mr. John Woodhouse, Bank Farm. In Pilling no fewer than five candidates are in the field—Messrs. Rd. Bradley, Carr House; Thomas Bradshaw, Smallwood Hey; James Jackinson, England Hill; Christopher McNiff, and William Wilson. Mr. Ryan Jenson, who has removed from Pilling to Out Rawcliffe, has been nominated for that township. The case to be collected on April 13th, and counted on the following day.

"Who pulled the cats' tails off?" was the conundrum upon which a case depended heard at the Manchester City Police Court, last Friday. The defendant was Wm. Woodcock, Moores, of Garstang, a well known cattle dealer in the Fylde, who, it was alleged, while in company with his friends testified by the 3 or 4 kittens that were asleep on a chair in the Palatine Hotel, Victoria-street, Manchester. The prosecution was instituted by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, but as two of the defendant's friends swore that he never touched or interfered with the cats, the Bench thought there was not sufficient evidence to convict, and the case would be dismissed (On being a certain, somebody was guilty of a gross piece of cruelty.

The Pilling allotments question came before the Rural Sanitary Authority at Garstang on Thursday, when it was found that the rents required for certain lands belonging to Major Hornby and the Misses Eileteon were fixed at an altogether impossible figure, viz., £4 10s. per acre. It was decided at the meeting that the authorities with which they had to contend the work of the parish had gone on satisfactorily. Since the last session of that kind there had been added to the parochial machinery a Girls' Friendly Society, which had been received very favourably by the parishioners, and it was now established at Fleetwood. There were a number of ladies who took considerable interest in the movement, and would do very well in the future. But he saw no reason why the girls should have a society which the young men's Friendly Society could not, and experienced a greater difficulty in getting hold of the male sex, and therefore anything they could do to help the movement would be a compliment. He had arranged for a meeting in connection with the Young Men's Friendly Society to take place next Monday week, and he trusted that there would be a large attendance of young men and lads, and that they would be able to establish a branch of the Young Men's Friendly Society in Fleetwood. There was another important matter he had to mention. He did not know whether many were aware that the present year was the jubilee of the erection of the parish church. He did not intend to let the opportunity slip over without increasing the feeling which all parishioners ought to have for their parish church. He did not think that any kind of services would be commenced, and he intended getting a map of the parish made, so that the clergy as he possibly could to preach to them. It came on a most favourable time of the year, viz., the Dedication Festival, from the 25th to the 29th, referring to the proposed bazaar, Mr. Reeve said he thought that was a most important thing. He was not acquainted with the exact figure, but it was not fallen to him to take part in many bazaars, but he remembered that a very considerable sum of the portion had been considerably embellished, and was now in a far better condition than it had been for some years. Mr. Reeve said he would also like to say a word about a matter which was brought forward at the vestry meeting. He referred to the provision of further accommodation in church. There was no doubt that there was need for more accommodation in the parish church. There were only 250 free seats. These were not enough, as there ought to be at least 300. A public meeting was to be held, and they would have to find the means, and he had every reason to believe that if they put their shoulders to the wheel they would get over the difficulty. He considered he hoped they would have a very pleasant evening. (Applause.)

The following is a programme of the entertainment:—

Wonderful Bells	Miss Carter Moss
Song—An able seaman	Mr. R. Smithson
Song—The Miller of the Dee	Mr. Jas. Hodgson
Song—They all love Jack	Mr. T. Hughes
Song—Do ladies propose	Mr. Jas. Hodgson
Song—Three and fifty	Mr. J. E. Chadwick

The programme terminated with the laughable farce "Raising the wind," of which the following is the dramatis personæ:—

Sir Poinsett	Mr. Ratchford
Mr Pattenwold	Mr. Donaldson
Jeremy Diddler	Mr. Hughes
Ben	Mr. Graham
Richard	Mr. Gerrard
Weaver, do	Mr. Green
Stephen	Mr. Chadwick
Mrs Dorothy	Miss Hamilton
Mrs Double	Miss Blackwell

The programme was gone through in a satisfactory manner, all who took part acquitting themselves very creditably. The farce "Raising the wind" was very laughable, the actors enjoying their characters in an admirable manner throughout.

WYRE DOCK, FLEETWOOD.—Since our last issue the following vessels have arrived at Wyre Dock:—Undaunted, from Pelro with mahes; and s.s. Juno, from Gothenburg with pitwood.

SMOKING CONCERT AT FLEETWOOD.—PROPOSED VENTURE.—Some time ago there was a smoking concert was held in the ball-room of the Crown Hotel, Fleetwood, when about 50 persons were present, the chairman, Mr. R. Edmondson, amongst them being Messrs. J. F. Magnisse, Geo. Bennett, Alex. Gibson, R. Cunliffe, W. Whitehead, Drs. Pilkington, Fausset, and others. The chair was taken by Mr. Edmondson. The object of the concert was to bring together acquaintances, and men to ascertain their views as to the advisability of establishing a company of volunteers in Fleetwood, in connection with the corps at Rossall. Mr. Edmondson briefly remarked that the Committee had arranged to erect a magnificent market hall, it had occurred to him that the young men of Fleetwood might combine together and form a company, and a drill hall and gymnasium, by consent of the Commissioners and thus contribute some revenue to the town. The gathering was composed of men of all shades of opinion, and resolutions were adopted with enthusiasm.—Mr. Margnisse, who was the only representative of the Commissioners present, promised to do all in his power to carry out the project.—Mr. Vandergrump, solicitor, of London, who has been making his home in Fleetwood on business connected with the town, contributed largely to the evening's entertainment. Songs were sung by Messrs. Bennett, Vandergrump, Jones, Dunham, and Misses L. and R. Crosslale in a most artistic manner, the ladies being vociferously encored.—A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Edmondson, on the motion of Mr. A. Gibson, seconded and supported by Drs. Fausset and Pilkington.—Mr. Vandergrump said, before the meeting dispersed, that he thought Fleetwood had a chance of supporting a drill hall and gymnasium, by consent of the Commissioners and thus contribute some revenue to the town. The gathering was composed of men of all shades of opinion, and resolutions were adopted with enthusiasm.—Mr. Margnisse, who was the only representative of the Commissioners present, promised to do all in his power to carry out the project.—Mr. Vandergrump, solicitor, of London, who has been making his home at Fleetwood on business connected with the town, contributed largely to the evening's entertainment. Songs were sung by Messrs. Bennett, Vandergrump, Jones, Dunham, and Misses L. and R. Crosslale in a most artistic manner, the ladies being vociferously encored.—A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Edmondson, on the motion of Mr. A. Gibson, seconded and supported by Drs. Fausset and Pilkington.—Mr. Vandergrump said, before the meeting dispersed, that he thought Fleetwood had a chance of supporting a drill hall and gymnasium, by

Poulton & District Notes.

Mr. Henry Blacoe was the census enumerator for Thornton, and Mr. James Jolly for Carleton. As we stated in our last issue, this work was undertaken for Poulton by Messrs. R. Dutton and J. P. Roe.

The committee desire us to state that the Poulton cattle sales will be held fortnightly from last Friday, and that the Fair which takes place on Monday next, will not interfere with their arrangements; but the sale will be again held on April 20th. Monday's sale was again very numerous.

The Rev. J. H. Bunstead, vicar of Hambleton is evidently a thorough-going Radical, if one may judge by his statements during the course of an interview which he had on Monday with the representative of an evening contemporary. He is a Home Ruler, and in favour of land reform, one man one vote, and free education.

It is not often that when the vicar of a parish has down to attend a meeting he turns up smiling when the business is concluded, and the assembly dispersed. Yet such was the case at the recent meeting of the Burial Board of Poulton, when the Rev. T. H. Guest, owing, I suppose, to some slight misunderstanding, appeared on the scene some time the fall of the curtain, so to speak. The rev. gentleman took it in good parts, however, and wended his footsteps homeward.

The annual April cattle fair is fixed for Monday next, at Poulton. This is usually the busiest day of the year, and whether the recently inaugurated sale will affect it is open to doubt. I do not think it will make much difference, because the business done is of a different kind. Prices for cattle range rather low at present, as they generally are in the spring, and pasture land is in a rather backward state.

A prominent Poulton gentleman in the person of Mr. W. J. Bennett, of Low Cross, joined the ranks of the benedicts at the latter end of last week. The name of the lady to whom Mr. Bennett was united in holy matrimony was Miss Emily Worthington, of Whalley Range, Manchester. Mr. Bennett is well-known and highly esteemed by the inhabitants of Poulton and neighbourhood, and considerable interest was taken by them in the auspicious event. The congratulations received by the happy couple were numerous and valuable.

Mr. James Richardson, while returning in a landau from Blackpool to Newton Hall, met with a somewhat serious accident. He was sitting with his back to the driver who, for some reason, lost his seat on the box. Mr. Richardson attempted to take the reins, and, in doing so, slipped and fell on to the roadway. The horses of course began going over his leg, and otherwise injuring him. He was taken home, and was attended