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**A Miscellany of Local
Newspaper Reports for
Llanelly and the
surrounding areas.**

**Spanning the period
1850 – 1859**

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**An Intriguing and fascinating
insight into the lives of our
ancestors.**

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1850

LLANELLY.

ON Friday evening, the 17th inst., the brothers belonging to the Loyal Britons mechanics lodge of Odd Fellows, of the Manchester unity, invited their friends to a - supper, of the occasion of the removal of their lodge from the Wheat Sheaf to the more commodious room at the Ship and Castle. Upwards of 110 partook of the repast, which was provided with the accustomed style and liberality of the worthy hostess. After the cloth was removed, it is unnecessary to observe that the usual loyal and patriotic toasts success, to the trade and commerce of the town and port of Llanelly, and to the Llanelly district of Odd Fellows, &c., &c., were heartily responded to during the course of the evening. Mr. D. Jones, of Carmarthen, Mr. Marsh, and several other brothers enlivened the company with some very excellent songs, and at the proper hour the meeting terminated, every one quite pleased with the evening's entertainment., B, THOMAS, ESQ., surgeon, we understand will deliver the last lecture of the present session, at

the mechanics' institution, on Tuesday evening next, and from the gathering on the last occasion, coupled with the ability of the worthy gentleman, we expect there will be a good attendance.

(The Principality 24th May 1850)

EMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA
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(The Welshman 12th July 1850)

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH TENBY.

A regular line of packets has been established between Tenby and Llanelly, where omnibusses are in waiting to comvey passengers to the South Wales Railway Station, thus bringing the inhabitants of Pembrokeshire within a few hours of London.

(The Principality 2nd August 1850)

1851

POPULATION OF LLANELLY.

By the census taken on the 31st March last, the population of Llanelly for 1851, is returned at 13,516, which is thus made up:—

Borough hamlet - 8566
 Westfa - 1,091
 Hengoed - 1,484
 Berwick - 1,516
 Glyn - 860.

The population in 1841 was 11,165, and consequently the increase has been 2,351, or 21,05 (nearly) per cent.

The increase on the last decennial period is not so great as that for the period of 1831-41.

The following are the details of the population of the respective out-parishes of the Llanelly union:—

Lanon - 1,696
 Pembrey - 8,274
 Llangennech - 965
 Llanedy - 1,126
 Kidwelly borough - 1,355
 Kidwelly parish - 293
 Loughor borough - 821
 Loughor parish - 278

As compared with the census of 1841:

Pembrey shows an increase of 425, Llangennech 72, Llanedy 28, Kidwelly borough 58,

Kidwelly parish 27, Loughor parish 251. Loughor parish gives a decrease in the population of 3, and Llanon of 73 persons. The total population of the whole of Llanelly union is 23,324, showing a clear increase over the population returns of 1841 of 3,136 the, number for that period being 20,198

(The Welshman 6 June 1851)

FORTUITOUS CIRCUMSTANCE.

A valuable ship was saved from becoming a wreck near Pembrey, on the 10th instant, through the praiseworthy and prompt assistance rendered by Mr. McKiernin, the Superintendent and Harbour Master of Burry Port.

It appears, that at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon of that day he observed the brig *Sea Adventure*, Capt. Dyer, on shore with signals for assistance, on the north side of the river Burry, east of Carmarthen bay, laden with about 400 tons of Watney's anthracite coal for the steam engines at the Royal Exhibition, London. Mr. McKiernin immediately obtained the aid of

the master of the brig Alice, and his boat and crew, and five pilots, with their boat, and manning the harbour boat with a crew from the shore put off to the brig and getting out an anchor, and with from 80 to 100 fathoms of warp, hove the brig aft after 18 inches ebb of tide. The ship had got on the dangerous quick sands at high water, but there being a heavy ground sea, the vessel striking heavily, and the ship forging ahead to the heavy strain kept on the warp, very fortunately was got off and brought into Burry Port the same tide. The pilot in charge had given up all hopes of saving the vessel from those dangerous quick sands. The ship was insured for E2,000, and Mr. Dunkin, Agent for Lloyd's, after a survey has ordered the cargo to be discharged, and the vessel to be repaired.

It is worthy of mention that a few years ago, Mr. McKiernin bought a vessel of £1,000 value for £5, at a public auction, which had been sunk in the sands above named, almost out of sight. He succeeded in lifting her in one tide and brought her into Burry Port, and after executing certain repairs, sent her to sea. She is now making as many voyages as any vessel out of the river Burry, and

is, we understand at the present time, taking a most valuable cargo of copper for Rouen. This was a reward for exertion and perseverance, and it must be a great satisfaction to Mr. McKiernin that he has been instrumental in saving two valuable vessels.

(The Welshman 20th June 1851)

SUDDEN DEATH

On Monday last, an inquest was held at Pembrey, before W. Bonville, Esq., coroner, on the body of Owen Charles, a blind fiddler, a native of that place. It appeared in evidence that on Saturday night, last, the deceased went into the Commercial Inn at Pembrey, a little effected by drink, having been playing at a wedding on the previous evening. During the early part of Saturday night he had only drank three glasses of spirits and water.

The house was closed at the usual time, and the deceased was asked if he would take a bed there, he declined taking a bed, but asked permission to remain that night on a settle in the tap-room, which request was granted him by the landlady. Shortly afterwards the

family went to bed and left the deceased asleep on the settle.

On Sunday morning the servant maid came down stairs first, and the deceased was lying in the same place supposed to be still asleep, but shortly afterwards when persons tried to awake him, it was found that he was dead. The jury returned a verdict that the deceased died from the effects of excessive drinking upon an empty stomach.

(The Welshman 24th October 1851)

SERIOUS DISTURBANCE AT THE FERRY SIDE.

On Saturday night last, an affray took place between a number of the excavators employed on the line of the South Wales Railway, which at one time threatened the most serious consequences. It appears that for some months past a bad feeling has existed between the English, Welsh, and Irish labourers, the latter being looked upon as interlopers and intruders. This jealous disposition warmed into actual strife on Saturday night, under the following circumstances :-

It appears that about 300 men are now employed between Carmarthen and Kidwelly, upon two contracts belonging respectively to Messrs. Sharpe and Davis. The principal part of them are usually paid fortnightly at the Ferry Side, and Saturday last was one of the pay-nights.

One of the favourite resorts of these "sons of toil," was the Mariner's Inn, Ferry Side, kept by Mr. Thomas Evans, and up to half-past eleven o'clock on the night in question, a number of them had been enjoying themselves at his house. Mr. Evans then cleared the house, turning out two men, named respectively "Scotney," (the only *soubriquet* by which he was designated)—and David Jenkins. On their ejection, Evans locked the door, and in a few moments afterwards it was burst open. Mrs. Evans interfered, but was immediately knocked down by Scotney, who kicked her several times as she lay on the ground. An English excavator named Hugh Bowen, went to her assistance, and a fight ensued. A number of Scotney's friends came up and took part with him, while an opposite party was also speedily formed. A general melee of no ordinary description ensued,

during which Evans rushed out of the house in order to revenge himself upon Scotney for assaulting his wife, but he was almost immediately struck down by a man named John Reeves, who stabbed him in the face, and kicked him while lying on the ground. Mr. George Hall, a sub-contractor, came out of the Mariner's Inn to assist Evans, and succeeded in getting him into the house, but on going out a second time, he also was stabbed in the face and knocked down by Reeves. Hugh Bowen attempted to raise Mr. Hall, and while doing so, was likewise stabbed by Reeves in the side of the neck near the jugular vein. After this Reeves threw his knife away, and it was picked up by a lad named John Davies, who saw the blows struck. The knife had the haft broken and the blade bent. There were 100 men engaged in the fight, and of course the excitement was not speedily subdued.

On Monday the ill-feeling which had been engendered displayed itself in open acts of violence. About 250 of the English and Welsh workmen proceeded in a body to the works near Coed, and compelled about 100 of the Irish labourers to desist from their

employment. Several assaults necessarily resulted, but the English being resolute, Mr. Sharpe actually discharged a large number of the Irishmen in order to prevent a collision. In the course of the day a mob of workmen proceeded to a cottage belonging to the Rev. T. B. Gwyn, situate on the Burrows, at St. Ishmaels, and occupied by Michael O'Brien, who had in some way rendered himself obnoxious during the affray on Saturday night. They asked for O'Brien, and finding that he was absent, two men named D. Jones and Robert Rees desired O'Brien's wife to leave the cottage. She did so and in a few minutes saw it in flames, and every particle of it was totally destroyed.

It need scarcely be said that these proceedings called forth the utmost promptitude on the part of the Rural Constabulary Force and the magistracy, and the consequence was that a number of arrests resulted.

On Tuesday, a man named Thomas Berriman, from Lanfaes, near Brecon, was committed for two months to the House of Correction, by D. Prytherch and W. Morris, Esqrs., for an assault on John Lucy, at the Ferry Side, on Monday morning.

On Wednesday, before J. E. Saunders, D. Prytherch, H. Lawrence, M.D., J. G. Philipps, Esquires, and the Rev. T. B. Gwyn, a number of cases were heard in the magistrates' room at the County Gaol.

Benjamin Aldridge, a native of Gloucestershire, was charged with assaulting Matthew Lyons, at the Ferry Side, by driving him from his work. He was fined £5, and in default was committed to the House of Correction for two months with hard labour.

David Jones, and Robert Rees, (both Welshmen) were committed for trial at the Assizes, for the act of arson alluded to above, by setting fire to Michael O'Brien's cottage on Monday.

John Reaves, a perfect desperado, was remanded until the 15th instant, on three separate charges of stabbing Thomas Evans, George Hall, and Hugh Bowen, with intent to do them some grievous bodily harm. The remand was made in order to secure the testimony of Mr. Howell, surgeon, Kidwelly, as to the nature of the wounds.

We are glad to add that peace has been perfectly restored, but in order to prevent further disorder, the Justices intend to swear in a

number of special constables, for whose services the Company will have to pay.

(The Welshman 12th December 1851)

1852

DREADFUL COLLIERY ACCIDENT AT THE GWENDRAETH WORKS. TWENTY-SEVEN MEN DROWNED.

In addition to the deplorable catastrophe at Aberdare, we deeply regret to record a calamity scarcely less dreadful, which took place on Monday night last, at the Gwendraeth Colliery, near Pontyberem, Carmarthenshire. This colliery is situated at the upper part of the valley which is formed by the Gwendraeth river, and is distant about three miles and a half from the village of Llanon, and a mile from that of Pembrey. The circumstances under which the calamity took place are, so far as our informant has been able to collect the particulars amid the confusion and distress which this morning

prevailed in the neighbourhood, as follow:-

On Monday evening, the colliers, to the number of about twenty eight, were at work, and everything appeared to go forward as usual, when, about ten o'clock at night, the water broke into the pit. The irruption appears to have been so sudden, that the unfortunate men, with one solitary exception, had not sufficient time to escape. The filling of the pit was almost instantaneous. Out of the eight-and-twenty human beings in the colliery at the time, one man only was left to tell the tale of the terrible casualty. He probably availed himself of the aid of the machinery in operation at the works, in effecting his escape. Up to Tuesday morning, none of the bodies had been recovered, as the pit was filled with water to such an extent, that we are informed it prevented the engine working.

As to the cause of this fatal calamity, it is as yet, to some extent, conjectured. It is, however, supposed that there were old colliery workings in the neighbourhood, and that the water from these broke in upon the pit. In confirmation of this, it is said that the water has been for some time "gaining" in the pit, and that

Mr. Watney, the proprietor, was, in consequence, sinking a new pit at a short distance from that which has been the scene of the terrible loss of life which it is our painful duty now to record.

Several of the unfortunate men were married, and had large families. The scene of confusion and distress that presented itself in the immediate vicinity of the scene of the calamity, may be imagined, but cannot be described. It is doubtful whether any of the bodies will be recovered for at least some days to come, as it will necessarily take some time to clear the pit. The injury done to the works it is, of course, at present impossible fully to determine, but there can be little doubt but that it will prove a serious pecuniary loss to the proprietor.

(Monmouthshire Merlin 14th May 1852)

OPENING OF THE SOUTH WALES RAILWAY TO CARMARTHEN.

[BY OUR OWN REPORTER.]

FRIDAY last, September 17th, was a great day in the Western parts of this county, and in

Carmarthenshire, in consequence of the opening of railway communication to the centre of the latter county, thereby connecting Carmarthen, Kidwelly, Llanelly, and the important, but hitherto very partially developed, districts adjacent, with the Metropolis and other centres of population and commerce.

(The Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian 25th
September 1852)

1853

MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.

On Tuesday last, the nuptials of Sir Godfrey T. Thomas, Glamorgan House, Bart., to Miss Emily Chambers, eldest daughter of Wm Chambers, junior, Esq., Llanelly House, was performed at Llanelly parish church, by the Lord Bishop of St. David's, assisted by the Rev. E. Morris, of Malvern. Great preparations for a complimentary observance of the auspicious event had been made both on the part of the inhabitants of the town (who at a meeting held had agreed to

subscribe for obtaining a display of fire works as an earnest of the respect in which the Llanelly House family were held,) and on the part of the family of the amiable bride towards effecting that object. Before the dawn of day the householders had commenced vieing with each other in the erection of triumphal arches, garlands, banners, and flags bearing suitable insignia, and by nine o'clock the whole of Park-street up to the Swansea Road displayed such a scene "as was never before witnessed." Upon the bridge a beautiful arch across the roadway formed the first of a series extending as far northwards as the South Wales Pottery, whilst in other parts of the town they were numerous and equally imposing. About nine o'clock the multitude commenced thronging up to the vicinity of Llanelly House, the thorough-fare opposite to which, as well as the church yard and every available spot was eagerly seized on, until nothing but a dense number of persons desirous of witnessing the marriage were for a long distance to be seen. At a few minutes before eleven the Bishop accompanied by the chaplain, and immediately followed by the nuptial party, upon entering the

precincts of the church were loudly cheered. The appearance of the bride escorted by her father, being the signal for a new round of cheers from the populace surrounding. At this time the canons placed upon elevated spots in the neighbourhood discharged a salute, and continued to fire throughout the day. The ceremony being performed, the procession returned to Llanelly House over a matting laid on the walks, and were again and again loudly cheered. The company, consisting of a large number of the elite of the neighbourhood and others from a distance, then sat down to a sumptuous breakfast, laid out in the Dining Hall. Two tables along the room with a cross table afforded accommodation for the circle of visitors, about 60 in number. At three o'clock in the afternoon, the bride and bridegroom departed in a carriage and four, amidst the reiterated greetings and good wishes of the spectators, for Loughor Station, en route for Scotland, where the honeymoon is to be spent. Afterwards the announcement that rustic and other sports and amusements would take place on the grounds adjacent to Llanelly House speedily caused the multitude to adjourn there. The

first amusement consisted of climbing to the top of a greasy pole, for a cheese, value 13s. At first the uninitiated did not seem very desirable of trying that fun, though many good intents signally failed, hence as a diversification, a foot race between boys, under the ages of 14, was contested for a leg of mutton and won cleverly. Then, full grown professors run a race the same distance, and a native of the green isle triumphed. These were followed by a variety of other attractions. Walking in sacks, for a pig, which Pat again obtained. A prize for grinning through a horse collar was awarded to a dexterous shoemaker, after which a dead heat between two donkeys completed the sports, and the multitude dispersed to meet again at Weyngradog field, at which eminence, after sunset, a grand display of fire works, including balloons, finished the diversions of the day out of doors. The various ships in the port hoisted colors half mast high, and business was suspended throughout most part of the day, as a token of respect to Mr. Chambers, whose various employees were provided with an ample supply of the good things of this world prepared for the

occasion. A grand ball, numerously attended, was given at Llanelly house. The following amongst others were present at the breakfast, vis. The Honourable William Henry Yelverton, and family; P. Chalmers, Esq., and Miss Chalmers, David Morris Esq., M.P., T.c. Morris Esq., and Mrs Morris, Jno. Biddulph, Esq., and Mrs Biddulph, C.H. Smith Esq., and party, I. Thomas, Esq., and party, Robert Stone, Esq., and Mrs. Stone, Capt. Blakely, — Curtin, Esq., and Mrs. Curtin, Hurst Green, Miss F. Chambers, and Miss Mary Chambers, Paddington, — Southernly, Esq., Rev. Edward Morris, and Mrs. Morris, Malvern, R. J. Nevill, Esq., and Miss Catherine Nevill, C. W. Nevill, Esq., and Mrs. Nevill, Rev. Ebenezer Morris, and Mrs. Morris, Rev. J. Griffiths, Miss Vernon, Miss Leslie, Miss Payne, Miss Ciriffiths, Miss Gwyn, &c., &c. It is satisfactory to add that among so numerous an assemblage, no accident occurred, which may be attributed in a great measure to the excellent arrangements of the police force.

(The Welshman 28th October 1853)

1854

INAUGURATION OF AN ORGAN.

Friday next, the 20th inst., has been definitely announced for the formal introduction of the organ into the church of Llanelly. The Lord Bishop of Saint David's is expected to assist in the service.

(The Welshman 13th January 1854)

COLLIERY ACCIDENT.

David Powell, near Pembrey, and working at Clements' colliery, Llanelly, was severely injured on Monday last, whilst engaged cutting coal in a hole, by a fall from the top, composed of stone. He was taken up insensible and conveyed to the pit's mouth, where a medical gentleman was in attendance, and afterwards taken home in a cart, and is now going on favourably.

(The Welshman 13th January 1854)

SUDDEN DEATH.

On Tuesday last, Wm. Bonville, Esq., Coroner, held an inquisition on the body of Mrs. Jones Rees, relict of the late Robert Rees,

formerly one of the Trustees of the Burgesses of Llanelly, who expired on Sunday evening last. Mr. William Williams was foreman of the jury. Mr. Phillip Ball, master mariner, son-in-law of deceased was examined, and deposed that Mrs. Rees accompanied him and her daughter to the evening service at Capel Newydd, Methodist chapel, and had proceeded as far as Mount Pleasant, when she suddenly complained of being unwell. She afterwards fainted, and was carried to the Mount Pleasant Tavern. Dr. Davies was promptly in attendance, but life soon became extinct. A verdict of "Sudden death from a fit" was returned.

(The Welshman 13th January 1854)

ACCIDENT.

An inquest was held on Saturday last, at the Drovers' Arms, Corslaw Mountain, before William Bonville, Esq., coroner, and a jury, touching the death of William Bowen, Horeb, an illegitimate child of the age of four years. Margaret Harris the foster mother and nurse of the deceased, deposed that on the previous Wednesday she had

occasion to go out from her residence where she left the infant in the house. That in about two minutes she returned, and on approaching the threshold she was alarmed by hearing piteous cries; on going to the door she perceived the deceased enveloped in flames which with some difficulty were extinguished by placing a covering over them. Several neighbours on hearing cries for assistance entered the house, and on examining the poor boy his body was found to have been awfully scorched, especially the abdomen, thigh, chest, and face. He lingered for the space of nine hours. No medical aid in that time was procured though every attention was used to counteract the effects of the fire. The jury without any deliberation returned a verdict of "Accidental death." The above lamentable instance ought to be a caution to all persons entrusted with the care of infants.

(The Welshman 13th January 1854)

FORTUNATE ESCAPE.

On the night of Tuesday last, at about nine p.m. the police being on duty near Capel Als, Independent Chapel, were

alarmed by hearing cries for assistance issuing from a dwelling house close to that place. On going in nothing was visible but a dense cloud of smoke and vapour which for a few minutes continued so thick as to prevent access. An entrance was forced, and on examination a rather novel spectacle presented itself, the inmates five in number were all laid altogether on the floor unable to move a limb, quite bewildered and frightened. Sergeant Lewis proceeded to open the doors, and went to the second story where another extraordinary sight presented itself, a total absence of the window, together with all the wood work belonging to it. On returning downstairs the inmates had recovered a little consciousness, and after sundry interrogations detailed the cause and nature of the catastrophe. The family were sitting around the fire when one them a lad 17 years of age, requested one of the senior members to hand down some rock powder, used for mining purposes, loosely contained in a jug affixed to the joists. The request was incautiously complied with, and it is supposed a spark from a lighted candle in close proximity ignited the powder; a terrible

explosion ensued; the effects of which will long it is feared have to be unpleasantly remembered by the lad, and the persons who owned the powder, whose limbs present a very painful aspect, the other three persons most miraculously sustained no material injury. The window was found projected several yards from the house, and the joists were considerably bulged by the force of the combustible.

(The Welshman 13th January 1854)

THE LATE SNOW STORM.

This neighbourhood has escaped in a remarkable degree the ravages of the late weather which has proved so destructive in other parts. The snow has disappeared from the surface of the lowlands, and is now perceptible only on the sides of elevated spots; the shipping too has sustained no material injury except in one or two isolated cases of detention by adverse winds. The railway trains have kept time well; brooms fixed in front of the engines have been found of essential service in dissipating any small quantities of snow which might accumulate on the rails.

(The Welshman 13th January 1854)

IMPORTANT TRIAL OF ANTHRACITE COAL FOR STEAM PURPOSES.

MASTER AND "WORKMEN.— GWENDRAETH WORKS.

Mr. Watney, the proprietor of these works, went over to Lisbon a few weeks since in the "Brageleira," one of the General Steam Navigation Company's large screw steamers, to superintend in person a trial which was being made with anthracite coal from his works. The Brageleira reached Lisbon in three days and twenty hours from the time of her leaving Liverpool, being the quickest passage ever made, and the trial of the anthracite was in every way successful. The Gwendraeth workmen, quite elated at this result, determined to give their employer a hearty Welsh welcome on his return. Accordingly on Thursday last, hearing that Mr. Watney was expected, about three hundred colliers, headed by the Gwendraeth band, and carrying appropriate banners, proceeded some miles on the Llanelly road to meet him. Gun firing and fire works let off, gave the little village of Pontyberem an aspect of unusual life for the day. Unfortunately Mr. Watney, instead of being able to receive

their warm reception, was in far colder quarters, having been detained by the heavy fall of snow on the Northern line. The workmen returned to their homes quietly, but it is needless to say, disappointed. Nothing is more gratifying to the public journalist than to record such manifestations of respect and attachment on the part of workmen towards their employers, as were on this occasion exhibited by the honest colliers of the Gwendraeth works.

(The Welshman 13th January 1854)

LLANELLY PETTY SESSIONS.

These sessions were held on Saturday last, before J. H. Rees and R. G. Thomas, Esqrs,

George Crossley and Mary his wife were charged by Mr. Adney, station-master on the South Wales Railway at Llanelly, with riding in one of the Company's carriages from Pembrey to Llanelly without paying their fare. Both parties pleaded guilty, and expressed their sorrow for having done so. The complainant not wishing to press the charge, they were cautioned and fined 5s. with costs.

David Poyer was summoned for being drunk and disorderly, but did not appear. It was stated that defendant had gone to Swansea early in the morning to avoid appearing before their worships. Fined 5s. and costs. The defendant's wife then applied for a warrant, which was issued for his apprehension, for having assaulted her. Complainant swore that she was afraid of him, as he had beaten her severely several times, and on one occasion threw her into the river.

Edward Jones and Thomas Jenkins, of Velinvoel, were charged by Mr. J. Thomas, manager of the Lodge Iron Works, Llanelly, with leaving their employment without giving the required notice. The defendants had summoned their employers for non-payment of wages, and deposed that they left their work because the manager had fined them 5s. each for absenting themselves without leave the whole of one day. They admitted that they had been absent twice without leave, yet they had been fined only once. They also said they were willing to return to work on being paid their wages. In answer to their worships, the manager said he wished them to be discharged

from his service and he also produced a printed paper showing the regulations at the Works in reference to their workmen. They were discharged, and ordered to forfeit their wages and pay costs.

Thomas Phillips, *alias* Tom Top, was charged by Mr. T. Lewis, of the Neptune Hotel, Bury Port, Pembrey, with assaulting him at Llanore.

Mr. B. Jones requested that the case be adjourned till next Saturday, as the most important witness in the case was unwell, and could not attend.—Granted.

Mr. B. Jones applied to their worships, on behalf of Catherine Morgan, to reconsider their decision to refuse the license of the Three Horse Shoes, as he thought it rather severe, and that she was not as culpable as had been represented.

Their worships objected to rescind their former decision, but said if the house was well conducted as a beer-shop for the next twelve months, they would then entertain a new application. They thought it highly requisite that an example should be made of those parties complained of, in order to put a stop to the disreputable conduct of various

parties, who had been before the bench.

Thomas Davies, of the Ship A-ground, Pembrey, was granted a license for that house.

Mr. Lewis, Inspector of Weights and Measures, applied for summonses against parties in the neighbourhood of Pembrey for using defective weights, &c. - Granted.

Thomas Phillips, the defendant in one of the above cases, applied for a summons against Mr. Lewis, of the Neptune Hotel, Bury Port; Pembrey, for snatching a document from him, and partially destroying it. He stated that Lewis put the document into his mouth, and tried to swallow it, but that on pressing his throat tightly he caused him to disgorge it. He handed what remained of the paper to their worships, and Mr. Thomas read it, which caused considerable merriment in the court. The application was dismissed, their worships thinking it was a case they could not deal with.

One or two cases of no interest concluded the business.

(The Welshman 13th October 1854)

CONCEALED BIRTH

On Wednesday last, Eliza Lewis was committed for trial by R. J. Nevill, Esq., for concealing the birth of her illegitimate child by secretly burying it in a garden at Llangennech.

(The Welshman 13th October 1854)

THE WAR

VIENNA, MONDAY, Nov. 6

The *Oest Deutsche Post* says that the storming of Sebastopol was fixed for the first or 2nd November.

A new levy of 100,000 men is to take place in Austria.

Large purchases of horses have been ordered.

A convention between Austria and Bavaria is rumoured; 20,000 Bavarians would replace the Austrian troops in Northern Italy.

We have received news from the Crimea, under date of the morning of 25th to the effect that the besiegers had established their third parallel at 200 metres from the ramparts.

Their fire was more lively than on the first day.

(The Welshman 10th November 1854)

1855

A MELANCHOLY AND FATAL OCCURRENCE,

DEATH BY DROWNING OF TWO YOUNG LADIES AND THEIR GOVERNESS

It is with feelings of poignant and unfeigned regret that we have to chronicle the occurrence of a fatality – which has had a peculiarly dreadful and melancholy appearance.

On Wednesday evening two daughters of John Hughes Rees, Esq. of Kilymaenllwyd, Carmarthenshire, accompanied by their governess or nursemaid, went to bathe opposite their house, and to the southward of the South Wales railway. Miss Rees and Miss Annie Rees, having ventured too far out, were found to have got into a pool of water about ten feet in depth were then immediately sunk.

The Governess seeing their perilous position with true heroism rushed to the rescue, but herself fell a sacrifice to her well meant effort to retrieve those whose custodian she was.

The most melancholy part of the affair is, that Mr Rees was at a vestry meeting in Pembrey church

at the time, and having been hastily summoned to leave the meeting without the occasion of the call being mentioned actually came out of the sacred edifice at the very moment of the bodies of his children and their governess were being borne to his residence. We have rarely had to chronicle a more melancholy disaster.

(The Pembrokeshire Herald and General Advertiser 6th July 1855)

THE LATE MELANCHOLY AND FATAL ACCIDENT AT PEMBREY.—

An inquest was held on Friday last, before W. Bonville, Esq., coroner, at Pembrey, on the bodies of the two young ladies and servant-maid, who were drowned whilst bathing, as reported in our last, Miss Rees, aged 22, Miss Annie Rees, aged 16, and the servant-maid, Jane Greyer, aged 26, daughters and servant-maid of J. H. Rees, Esq., Of Killymanllyd, in the parish. From the evidence it appeared that on Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., the three young ladies in company with the servant-maid left the manor-house together to bathe in a pool near the Park colliery, and close to the South

Wales Railway, between Pembrey and Llanelly, where they were in the habit of bathing, although a dangerous place, having quicksands at the bottom, and depth of 10 feet of water in the centre of the pool. It is supposed that the youngest child, about ten years age, had been bathed first. Miss Rees next went into the water, but unfortunately got out of her depth, when her sister Annie rushed to her assistance. The servant-maid perceiving the danger, with true heroism hastened into the pool to rescue the young ladies from their perilous position, but, melancholy to relate, she fell a sacrifice to her meritorious efforts to rescue them, and the three sunk in the struggle. The bodies were recovered in few minutes afterwards, and medical assistance was in attendance but too late to be of service, as they were past recovery. The Jury, having heard the evidence returned a verdict of "Accidental Death by Bathing." The young ladies' remains were on Monday last deposited in the family vault at Pembrey church, followed by nearly the whole of the parish. The corpse of the servant-maid was buried at Llangennech church on Sunday last.

1856

PEMBREY PLOUGHING MATCH.

This annual ploughing match came off on Monday last at Town Mawr farm, in the possession of John Stanley, Esq, and under the superintendence of Mr. Parrish, who is rapidly improving it. The prizes were not large, and consequently did not excite much competition in the first and third classes. The second class was well contested, and exhibited some very good ploughing, such as required sound and practical judgment.

The Judges were - Mr. Burnell, Llangennech Park, Llanelly; Mr. Humphreys, Machynis, Llanelly; and Mr. W. Humphreys, Maesardafen, Llanelly.

The following is a list of the prizes awarded

First Class.

First prize, £3, to Daniel Evans, ploughman to Apsley Smith, Esq.

Second prize, £ 2, to John Morns, ploughman to John Stanley, Esq. There were four competitors.

Second Class.

First prize, £2, to Daniel Davies, ploughman to Mr. Thomas, Penybedd.

Second prize, £1 10s., to John Anthony, ploughman to Mr. Thomas, Penybedd.

Third prize, £1, to David Powell, ploughman to A. Smith, Esq., Pembrey.

Fourth prize, 15s., to **** Lloyd, ploughman to Mr. Thomas, Penybedd.

There were 13 competitors in this class.

Third Class.

First prize, £1 10s., to William Protheroe, Llachtyny, ploughman.

Second prize, £1, to D. Jones, Penlan.

Third prize, 10s., to Joseph Williams, Towyn.

There were four competitors for these prizes.

An excellent dinner was served on the occasion at the Ashburnham Arms Inn, and was exceedingly creditable to Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

John Stanley, Esq., presided, after which John Hughes Rees, Esq., of Kilmaenllwyd, was, at the request of Mr. Stanley, appointed

Chairman for the evening. Mr. M'Kiernin occupied the vice chair.

Amongst those present were— The Rev. Mr. Evans, the Judges, Messrs. Thomas, Penybedd, Parrish, Forrester, Mountain Lodge, Laurance, D. Evans, Lee, Williams, Jenkins, and Bowen.

After observing the usual toasts, The Chairman proceeded to pay the prize money, making very useful and appropriate remarks to each man, expressing himself highly gratified with such an opportunity, and promised to contribute towards the match of the next season.

A committee was formed, with a determination to carry out the interests of the society more effectually in future,

Mr. M'Kiernon remarked on the improvements of agriculture in Pembrey, and said more turnips and more mangold had been grown there in 1855 than during the last 50 years. He then in some detail proceeded to show the progress of green crop cultivation.

Mr. Forrester said he was much pleased to meet them on such an important and interesting occasion. He approved of the remark that ploughing was a most essential part of agriculture that good and deep ploughing

produced good root crops, good straw, and, best of all, good corn. He thought the society could not be too much impressed with this subject, and hoped that this day's ploughing would be greatly surpassed next year, although the work exhibited was excellent.

(The Welshman 25th January 1856)

SHIPWRECK AND LOSS OF LIFE

In the terrific gale of Wednesday night, in the channel a vessel supposed to be laden with barley and flour, was wrecked on the coast near Pembrey. The crew consisted of sixteen, all perished with the exception of one who is not expected to survive, and was so ill as to be unable to afford any information. The vessel is supposed to have been bound for Liverpool from Milford. It is reported that two other vessels went down, but it has not been sufficiently ascertained to be positively relied upon.

(The Welshman 25th January 1856)

DAFEN TIN WORKS.

On Saturday last, Messrs. Phillips, Smith, and Co., the proprietors of these works, invited forty of their principal agents and workmen to

a dinner, at Mr. Mc Kiernen's hotel, at Pembrey. Mr. Smith and Mr. Nunes, two of the partners of the firm, assisted by their manager, Mr. Maclaran, conducted the proceedings. The Rev. J. Evans, the resident curate of Dafen, was also present on the occasion. On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal toasts were proposed—"Success to the Army and Navy," being coupled with that of "our gallant Allies." These toasts were received with the greatest enthusiasm, especially the last. The presidents, together with the Rev. J. Evans, then made some useful and appropriate remarks, which were warmly received, and responded to in a manner that evinced the high esteem in which the proprietors of these works are held by their workpeople. This meeting will, no doubt, enhance the good feeling which already exists between the employers and employed. The Dafen Band assisted materially in promoting the pleasures of the evening.

(The Welshman 25th January 1856)

JUNCTION OF LLANELLY DOCKS AND THE SOUTH WALES RAILWAY.

A remarkable instance of the disadvantages arising from the want of connexion between the South Wales Railway and the docks at Llanelly has just been mooted here. Parties requiring to charter vessels from Quebec hence with timber find that it is impossible to secure ships within five shillings per load of the terms accepted freely by vessels to go to Newport or Cardiff, the reason for this being that at these ports freights are offered of Aberdare steam coal and "iron from the neighbourhood, and which could be quite as easily shipped at Llanelly were some few hundred yards of broad-gauge rails laid to the shipping stages. The public will be able to form a notion of the evils when they are informed that this five shillings per load amounts to about £1000 on the quantity imported into the port yearly, and consumers will do well to consider that they lose 1½d. per foot upon all the timber they use.

(The Welshman 9th May 1856)

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

On Tuesday last, a little girl about twelve years old, daughter of

John Lewis, Cwmferrws, Llanedy, while in the act of putting in clay between the rollers of a clay-mill, at Ponty Clere, had her arm drawn in and mutilated in a shocking manner. Amputation was performed, and the sufferer is in a dangerous state.

(The Welshman 9th May 1856)

FATAL ACCIDENT

On Tuesday last, a fatal accident occurred at Gors Colliery, near Velinfoel. It appears that the men were driving two headings against each other and were in closer proximity than they aware. The men on one side fired a hole which hurled a piece of the rock in the opposite direction and killed Win. Williams, collier, and injured two others who were working in the heading. On Wednesday morning another fatal accident occurred at the Gelly colliery, Dafen Tinworks, when Thomas Davies was killed by the falling of a piece of coal upon him while at work. Inquests were opened on Thursday (yesterday), before W. Bonville, Esq., and adjourned for a week, to give the Government Inspector an opportunity to attend.

(The Welshman 9th May 1856)

BIRTHS.

On the 25th ult., at Rock House, Pembrey, the wife of John Swire, Esq., of a son.

On the 1st inst., at Kidwelly, the wife of Mr. J. S. Waters, chemist and druggist, of a son.

On the 29th ult., at Llanelly, the wife of W. Rosser, Esq., C.E. of a son.

On the 29th ult., the wife of Sir. D. Watkey, Beehive, Llanelly, of a daughter.

(The Welshman 5th September 1856)

1857

A NORWEGIAN BARQUE IN DISTRESS.

On Saturday last the "Samson" steam tug towed in the "Hyppolite & Marie" from Cornel-mawr Point, near Pembrey, where she had been in distress, having been driven in during a fog. She was from Marseilles, bound to Swansea in ballast, and had been on the point a day or two. By firing guns she attracted the notice of the pilots in the river, and was rescued from her

perilous position on Saturday last, with the loss only of anchor and cable. The vessel lies in a very bad state on the sand, every thing has been cleared out of her of the least worth, under the superintendence of Mr. McKiron, of Pembrey, and Mr. Armstrong, of Kidwelly. Near the same place a fine French Brigantine has gone ashore ; the Captain sustained a fractured arm in making his escape—the rest of the crew are safe, and hopes are entertained that she will be got off.

(The Welshman 16th January 1857)

SOUTH WALES POTTERY, LLANELLY.

On Friday last, a very pleasant evening was spent at this pottery by the workmen and their families, numbering 200, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs Holland, who treated the women and children to an excellent tea, and the men to a good substantial supper. The ware room in which the feast was held was tastefully decorated with wreathes and festoons of evergreens, and illuminated by several large chandeliers put up for the

occasion, and which had an imposing effect. On the walls were hung several flags, bearing appropriate mottoes, among which stood prominent, "Prosperity to Mr. and Mrs. Holland," "Prosperity to Mr. and Mrs Coombs," Success to the South Wales Pottery," &c.

In the afternoon the women and children assembled and partook of tea, cake, &c., much to their delight, and afterwards the supper was spread with much taste, and the men did ample justice to the fine rounds of beef, legs of mutton, plum puddings, &c., with which the tables were laden. Mr Holland presided, and Mr. Coombs and Mr. T. L. Howell acted as croupiers.

The tables having been cleared the company re-assembled, among whom were—Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Coombs, Miss Utting, Mr. and Mrs. Waddle, Mrs. Hulm, Miss Hulm, Mr. F. Coombs, &c.

Mr. Marsh, one of the workmen, proposed the first toast health, wealth, and prosperity to Mr. and Mrs. Holland. Mr. W. James seconded the toast, and both the proposer and seconder expressed their thanks and that of their fellow-workmen to Mr. and Mrs. Holland for the handsome manner

in which they had feasted them, and hoped they would live long to enjoy that which the sentiment expressed in the toast. It is almost needless to add that the toast was received with the most unanimous and vociferous cheering.

Mr. Holland on rising to return thanks was loudly cheered, and said,—My friends and fellow workpeople. I thank you most cordially on behalf of my good wife and myself for the kind reception you have given to us. I have great pleasure in meeting you here, and I have to thank you for the kind welcome you gave us on our return home, which was conveyed partly by the thunder of cannon. I did not wish anything of the kind, however we thank you most heartily for your kindness, and I hope we shall meet again on a similar occasion to the present, and that peace and harmony will prevail among us. Mr. Holland concluded his remarks by saying that he intended to have addressed them at greater length, but the great cheering which they had so warmly given had completely put all power of expression from him, and he would conclude by wishing them all a happy new year and drinking

all their healths. (Renewed cheering).

Mr. I. Vaughan next proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Coombs and family, and in a very homely way expressed his thanks and that of his fellow-workmen for the uniform kindness shown to them, (Enthusiastic cheering).

Mr. Coombs in returning thanks said, - My friends and workpeople: Mrs. Coombs and myself feel very much obliged to you indeed for the very kind way in which you have drunk our healths. I feel equally pleased with the sentiments and kind feeling which J. Vaughan intended to convey, and the very hearty manner in which they were responded to by those present. I am pleased to see you and hope you will all enjoy yourselves, and that we shall meet again on a similar occasion next year. Mr. Coombs resumed his seat amidst much cheering.

Mr. Joseph Henshall then rose to propose a toast, which he said was nearest his heart, that was the prosperity of the South Waies Pottery. It was there that he had made the first ware, and he had been from them but a few years. He returned, and he must say, that he felt more pleasure in

being there than elsewhere. He would say that the prosperity of the South Wales Pottery was nearest his heart, for the prosperity of the works was their prosperity, and the prosperity of the masters, and he hoped all would be benefitted.

The toast was received with musical honours and much cheering.

Mr. Coombs rose and said he had much pleasure in replying to the toast so warmly proposed by Joseph Henshall. It was a toast on which he would say a word or two in reference to their own and masters, condition. The success of the works they knew very well, depended much upon them if they took a holiday when they were busy, and some of them had taken it, they put their fellow-workmen in the establishment to great inconvenience, at the end of the week there was little pay, and of course they must come short if they lost their time, and when they did not work it occasioned also a loss to their masters, and the men complained when they were deducted 5s. for their improper conduct. If he wished them to stop work for these days, they would ask what they should do for their families. Now he wished them when there was

work to be done to attend to it, and he thought he had a right to expect them to do it. They were blessed with a superabundance of orders and it was their duty to attend to the work. He did not make those remarks from an unkind feeling to them, but there were one or two men that he wished would alter their conduct. He was proud of many of them and pleased that he had such workmen. The ware turned out last year from their hands was a larger amount than on any former year since the works were established, and they had now met on a very happy occasion, and this was the time to shake hands and congratulate each other, and he was glad to be able to tell them that if they held together and did their duty as workmen, that the next year would be still more prosperous, and he thought that by the same time next year they would be able to say they had done much more than last, (great cheering) but that could only be accomplished by them all uniting. It was not enough for him to go and sell but they must all stick to their work, and while Mr. Holland continued at the head as a potter, he would venture to state they never would want orders. (Loud cheers.). They

had orders enough on hand to keep them going at a fine rate. Mr. Coombs then alluded to the different branches of the manufacture, showing how the whole depended upon each individual man, and if one of them neglected his duty the whole works were interrupted, but he hoped they would not be guilty of such culpable conduct. He was pleased with the attention they had paid to his few remarks and he trusted they would have their proper effect, and he wished to impress upon them how important it was to be sober, steady, and attentive to their work. Mr. Coombs concluded by saying that Mr. Holland and himself, and the ladies and gentlemen present, intended to join them in a merry dance, and resumed his seat amidst enthusiastic cheering.

Mr. Ricket then proposed the health of Mr. F. Coombs, which was toasted with musical honours. Mr. Coombs briefly returned thanks.

Dancing was then commenced and kept up with spirit till three o'clock. At intervals the workmen and women sang several songs, and the evening was spent in a

merry and most agreeable manner.

In the course of the evening the health of W. Chambers, Esq., the founder of the establishment was drunk with enthusiasm.

(The Welshman 23rd January 1857)

LLANELLY AND LOUGHOR QUOITING CLUB.

The opening supper in connection with this club took place on Friday at the Castle Inn, Loughor, when nearly the whole of the members, with friends, attended. The evening passed off most agreeably, and every one was loud in his praise of the substantial and excellent provision made by host Davies, one of the oldest members of this large and prosperous society. It was stated that it is in contemplation to introduce several prizes to be played for this season in addition to the usual Silver Cup. It is hoped that another Club may be found this summer possessing courage enough to induce it to offer "combat" to the friendly meeting which has so long desired it in vain.

(The Welshman 15th May 1857)

LOCAL NEWS

KIDWELLY. - Wm. Griffiths was charged, on Monday, before the Mayor of Kidwelly, J. G. Roberts, and W. Williams, Esqrs., for having violently beaten and injured a Richard Morris, of Llangadock. The defendant was fined £4 and costs, or two months' imprisonment. The money not being forthcoming, he was sent to the House of Correction.

LLANELLY LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH. - The nomination took place on Tuesday last, when the following gentlemen were proposed—Mr. W. Nevill, Mr. Glascodine, Mr. Rosser, Mr. D. Evans, and Mr. J. Jones. The first three may be considered safe, the contest is expected to be between the two old members, Mr. D. Evans and Mr. J. Jones.

LLANELLY POLICE. - On Wednesday last, before C. W. Nevill, Esq., Thomas Williams, saddler, alias The General, on the complaint of P.S. Lewis, was fined 5s. and costs for getting drunk.

(The Welshman 18th September 1857)

AGRICULTURE.

The inhabitants of Llanelly had an opportunity during the past week of witnessing, in full operation, in Llanelly Park, an excellent thrashing machine, the property of Mr. Stanley, Pembrey. To the uninitiated it was a treat to see how admirably the machine thrashed, winnowed, sorted, and bagged the grain in the cleanest and most perfect condition. Mr. James, maltster, of this town, who had the care of it, was most obliging in pointing out and showing to the numerous visitors the varied action of the machine. There was a large number of men and women kept feeding it. It is worked by a small steam engine, and thrashes, cleans, &c., at the rate of fifty bushels an hour.

(The Welshman 25th September 1857)

1858

OPENING OF THE LLANELLY ATHENÆUM

On Monday last the Llanelly Athenæum was publicly opened under most auspicious

circumstances. Although the day was not well chosen for the attendance of visitors from a distance, owing to the marriage celebrations of the Princess Royal, the people of Llanelly evinced their interest in the undertaking by attending the various meetings, particularly in the evening, when the large room was inconveniently full.

(The Welshman 29th January 1858)

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Also, Several Valuable Lots,
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Velinfoel, near the Dafen Tin
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Particulars of Sale and
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in the course of a fortnight, and
further information may be
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Llanelly Copper Works; Messrs.
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Gaskoin, Esq. Solicitor, Swansea
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Surveyor, Llanelly or from the
Auctioneers, Castle-street,
Swansea.

Dated October 13th, 1858.

(The Welshman 29th October 1858)

1859

EARLY LAMBS.—

On Christmas morning an ewe,
the property of Mr. Morgans,
Garreg, Kidwelly, produced two
lambs, and on the following day

another sheep brought two more, and others of the flock continue to lamb daily.

(The Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian 8th January 1859)

BURRY PORT INQUEST

On 26th ult an inquest was held before W. Bonville Esq., coroner, at the Pemberton Arms, near Pembrey, upon the body of Matthew Rosser, 8 years of age, who was accidentally killed on the 24th ult. From the evidence it appeared that the deceased got up to ride on the framework of a horsebox or truck (without the knowledge of the driver) used upon the Incline from Cwm- capel Colliery to the Bury Port Dock, and a stone waggon, laden with large stones, was following. About half way down the Incline the breaksman was applying the break, when the iron bolt broke and he lost all command of the waggon, and was thrown off into an adjoining bridge; but the waggon ran down the Incline at a fearful rate, knocking the horse out of the box, and a large stone about two and a half tons weight was forced into the horse box. The animal was much injured, and the deceased was seriously cut and crushed between the coal

waggon and the horse truck, and expired instantly. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death." This is the third fatal accident that has occurred upon this Incline. The jury expressed an opinion that the piece of broken iron bolt produced was of good quality, but that there ought to be a sufficient guard to the break, and that no waggon or carriage should exceed six miles an hour down the incline.

(The Welshman 4th March 1859)

KIDWELLY.

On Monday evening last, Mr. Burns, the agent of the South Wales Total Abstinence Society, delivered an address on the principles of total abstinence, in the Methodist chapel. The attendance was large, & the company appeared to be highly delighted with the forcible exposure, and the sad effects of the drinking system, as portrayed by the lecturer. Above 100 persons took the pledge. The Rev. John Evans presided.

(The Welshman 1st April 1859)

PROLIFIC EWES.

Mr. G. T. Lawrence, Pembrey, has four ewes which have produced this spring fifteen lambs. One sheep lambed five, one four, and two, three each.

(The Welshman 1st April 1859)

LLANELLY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL.

On Friday last the foundation stone of a new chapel was laid at Greenfield, near Bradbury Hall. The ceremony was performed by two priests; and Mrs. Cross, Abermarlais, took an active part in the proceedings.

(The Welshman 1st April 1859)

NEW DOCK SCHOOL ROOM

On Wednesday last, Capt. Weather, of the "Effort" Gloucester, gave a temperance address in this school to a large audience. A great number of working men joined the society.

(The Welshman 1st April 1859)

LLANELLY CAPEL ZION SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday last, the quarterly meeting of this large school was held, when several recitations

were given, and addresses delivered by the Rev. J. R. Morgans and others. Prizes were delivered to the most deserving scholars.

(The Welshman 1st April 1859)

LLANELLY POLICE.

On Saturday last, before C. W. Nevill, and W. H. Nevill, Esqrs.- John Smith, a tramp, was charged with assaulting John Francis, Tide-waiter, Llanelly. Fined 5s and costs, or fourteen days imprisonment. On Tuesday last, Thomas Phillip alias Tom Bow, was fined 5s. and costs for drunkenness.

(The Welshman 1st April 1859)

LLANELLY PETTY SESSIONS.

These sessions were held on Wednesday last, before J. H. Rees, Esq.

Sarah Henderson, wife of Thomas Henderson, of Danybank, Llanelly, was charged by John Williams, Danybank. farmer, with having, on the 16th instant, unlawfully and wilfully turned bis cows into a clover field, causing damage to the amount of one shilling. The defendant did not

appear, and a warrant was issued for her apprehension.

William Isaac, Ciborfa-row, Llanelly, was charged with having, on the 18th instant, assaulted Elizabeth Morgan, widow, of the same place. The defendant appeared in court, accompanied by the son of the complainant, and stated that they had settled the affair. The defendant was drunk, and a charge was thereupon brought against him by P.S. Lewis, and he was fined 5s. and costs for appearing before the Bench in such a state.

Mr R. B Jones addressed the Bench and said he had been requested by the overseers of Llanelly to call their worships' attention to the fact that the principal hotels in the town were kept open much later than they ought to be, and the overseers wished that some limit might be put upon the practice of playing at bagatelle, billiards, and other games, which were taking place at those houses. The young men of the town, they thought, should not be allowed to remain in these houses so late as it was represented they did, - until one or two o'clock in the morning, to the great discomfort and anxiety of their families, besides the

mischief and immorality the young men were led into by such practices. He believed that at several places billiard and bagatelle apparatus were kept; and in a house adjoining the Park various games were carried on calculated to lead to gambling if it was now in constant practice, as was rumoured. In reply to Mr. Rees, Mr. Jones said that he was not there to make a specific charge against any of the houses, but at the request of the overseers, being their clerk, he begged to acquaint their worships of the matter, in the hope that they would call the attention of the licensed victuallers to it on the renewal of their licenses. The Bench observed that billiards and bagatelle was allowed to be played, provided there was not gambling. Mr, Jones said he was not prepared to say that anything improper took place, but he was requested to draw attention to the subject.

The renewal of licenses was then proceeded with, which amounted to 189 for the district, and deducting about 40 for the adjoining parishes, there will be about 150 for Llanelly,—a very large number. Eighteen new applications were also made, and

adjourned to the 21st of September.

David Thomas, labourer, Kidwelly, was charged by Mr. Superintendent Langdon, of the South Wales Railway, with being found in a second class carriage, drunk and disorderly, at Pembrey station, on the 20th instant. Witnesses were called, who proved that this was not the first time he had been so discovered. Mr. Langdon stated that the defendant was in the employ of the company, but would be at once discharged. He was fined 20s. and costs, which were ordered to be de- ducted from his wages.

(The Welshman 26th August 1859)

LLANELLY INQUESTS.

An inquest was held on Saturday last, at the Castle Inn, before W. Bonville, Esq., coroner, on the body of the infant son of Mr. Wansbrough. Verdict, "Found dead."

Another inquest was held at the Neptune, Sea Side, on Monday last, before the same coroner, on the body of Frederick Sheppard, aged 17, who was killed on

Saturday last under the following circumstances: He was engaged at a crane winding up some iron casting, about two tons weight, and when it had been raised to the required height the unfortunate youth went to push it round, when the hook gave way, and the casting fell and crushed the deceased so that it was requisite to amputate his leg. He lived four hours afterwards. Verdict, "Accidental death."

(The Welshman 26th August 1859)

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September 6th 1859

(The Welshman 23rd September 1859)

