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

**Spanning the period
1870 – 1879**

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

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1870

LLANELLY

STEALING COAL.—Elizabeth Jane Edmunds, Naomi Morris, Margaret Rivay, and Mary Rogers were charged with stealing coal, of the value of 2d. from the New Dock, Llanelly, on the 11th instant.—The watchman stated that he saw the defendants taking the coal from a truck. When they saw him they ran away. The coal belonged to Messrs. D. Lloyd and Son. The first three defendants were bound over in £10 each to be of good behaviour for twelve months, and Mary Rogers was dismissed.

(Western Mail 26th February 1870)

KIDWELLY SUICIDE.—

John Dixon, farrier, aged sixty-five, a man known to the farmers of Carmarthenshire, committed suicide by shooting himself early on Sunday morning. He lived with his mother-in-law in the town of Kidwelly. He got up early on Sunday morning, and soon went out half dressed, taking with him a gun. In a short time the report of a firearm was heard, and he was found a corpse a short

distance from the house. He appeared to live comfortably, and was not observed to be labouring under depression of spirits.

(The Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian 5th March 1870)

LLANELLY.

FATAL ACCIDENT.— On Wednesday last a collier, named John Phillips, was accidentally killed at Messrs. David Charles and Sons' Colliery, Furnace, near Llanelly. Whilst at work in the mine a large stone fell upon him from the top, and he was so seriously injured that he died in a few hours afterwards. This is the first fatal accident in the Furnace Colliery, although it has been working for nearly 20 years. An inquest was held at the Ship and Castle Hotel, on Wednesday evening, before Mr. J. Rowlands, and a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

LLANELLY PARISH CHURCH. - The "mission" conducted by the Rev. D. Elsdale, of London, which lasted eight days, was brought to a close on Sunday evening last, when the rev. gentleman delivered a very excellent sermon on "Eternity" to a very crowded audience. The services during the

week were very well attended, and on Sunday evening so overcrowded was the Church that many could not gain admittance. The Rev. D. Elsdale is exceedingly earnest in his appeals, and appears to be thoroughly devoted to the work of the Christian ministry. He visited the Wern Foundry on Friday, and the South Wales Pottery on Saturday, and addressed the workmen.

A MAN'S BODY FOUND IN THE DOCKS.—John Thomas, a mason, generally known by the name of "John July," left his house in Wind-street on Monday morning last, informing his family that he was going to work to the country. Finding on Thursday that he had not gone to the country, enquiries were made about him. Being informed that he was seen in the neighbourhood of the New Dock late on Monday evening, his friends naturally surmised that he must have fallen over the dock gates. On Sunday the water was let out of the dock basin, and his body was found not far from the gates. An inquest was held on his body, on Tuesday last, when the verdict of "Found drowned" was recorded.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE INDEPENDENTS. - The Independents of the upper part of

Carmarthenshire held their quarterly meeting on Monday and Tuesday EVENING last, at Alse Chapel, Llanelly. The usual conference of ministers and members was held on Tuesday afternoon, at three o'clock, the Rev. Thomas Johns, minister, in the chair. Mr. Forster's Education Bill was brought before the conference, and resolutions protesting against the conscience and other clauses were passed. Sermons were delivered during the service by the Revs. Jones, Machen; Henry, Penygroes; Jenkins, Kidwelly; Jones, Crugybar; Davies, Bethlehem; Jones, Ceidis; Evans Silem; Morris, Llanharran and Evans, Pontyberem. The public services were very well attended.

THE LATE ACCIDENT ON THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY AT LLANELLY:—The inquest on the body of William Brain, who was accidentally run over by a train on the Great Western Railway, was held at the village hospital on Friday night, before Mr. Rowlands, coroner. The following evidence was taken:- J. M. Evans, Greenfield-place, said he was returning from his work on the 4th inst., about six p.m., towards the Old Castle Crossing, when he saw a man about seven

yards in front of him. The two crossing gates were closed, and the man went over the fencing rails, and proceeded until he came to the up line, on which he remained. Witness heard the policeman shout to him to keep clear. A goods train was then passing on the down line, and at the same moment an up goods train came by, which knocked deceased down. Deceased might have seen both trains for a considerable distance. Thomas James, the policeman at the crossing; said that on the 4th inst., about a quarter past six in the evening, he observed a man within a few yards of the up line. A down train was then passing, and witness saw him through or between the trucks. He shouted to him several times to keep clear, as the up train was then within seven or eight yards. After the trains had passed witness found him lying on the middle of the up line. He had been carried a distance of eight yards or so from where witness first observed him. The crossing gates were always closed when a train was due, and open at other times. The man had no right to cross the line, the gates being shut. William Williams, the driver of the up train, deposed:—I passed the Old

Castle Crossing about a quarter past six. Had shut off steam about 50 yards lower down. I saw no one at or near the crossing except the policeman. He held a white flag, showing that all was right. Did not know that the engine had struck anything until I was informed at Llanelly. I should have whistled, as is always the practice, if I had seen any one on the line. The Coroner summed up, and the jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death, entirely exonerating the policeman from all blame.

(The Cambrian 13th May 1870)

LLANELLY.

RECOVERY OF THE BODY OF JOHN VOSS.—A few days ago the body of John Voss, the master of the pilot cutter Sea Flower, was discovered on the sands near Penclawdd. It will be remembered that deceased was lost from the Sea Flower on her way to this port on the 26th January last. It was not precisely ascertained how the accident occurred, as deceased was alone in the boat at the time, but it is supposed he was either struck by a sail or washed overboard, and the cutter was driven ashore. The case was fully investigated by the Harbour

Commissioners at the time, and search was made for the body, but no traces of it could be found.

(Western Mail 17th June 1870)

LLANELLY.

The United States Minister has appointed Mr. Benjamin Jones, solicitor, Llanelly, consular agent for the United States at Llanelly.

THE SUSPECTED FENIAN.—At the petty sessions held at the Town-hall, on Wednesday, Thomas Cummings Kennedy, who was charged last week with having seditious papers in his possession, was brought up on remand before the Bench. Nothing further being brought against him he was discharged. The magistrates recommended the prisoner not to carry fire-arms about him, and he immediately adopted their advice by selling those which belonged to him before leaving the hall.

(Western Mail 8th July 1870)

LLANELLY.

ACCIDENT.—An accident of a painful nature occurred at the Llanelly Railway Station, on Friday night, to John Lewis, a

policeman in the employ of the Great Western Railway Company, resulting in the loss of his left hand. Lewis, it appears, was on duty on the night in question, and on the arrival of a down goods train shortly after nine o'clock, he attempted to get on the engine, which was in motion, to speak to the driver. By some means his foot slipped, and he fell on his side, with his left hand under the wheels, which passed over it, crushing it in a shocking manner. A medical man was immediately sent for, and Mr. Richard Thomas and Mr. Daniels, surgeons, were soon in attendance, and on examination they found it would be necessary to amputate the injured limb, which was accordingly done. The unfortunate man is now progressing favourably.

(Western Mail 18th October 1870)

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LLANELLY.

THE RECENT FATAL ACCIDENT.—

An inquest was held at Pontardulais on Wednesday, when, after hearing the evidence of the witnesses, including the

engine-driver and fireman, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" A remarkable coincidence in relation to this accident is that the deceased's wife's first husband was killed on this railway a few years ago. at almost the same spot where her second husband met his death.

(Western Mail 14th January 1871)

LLANELLY.

THE NOTORIOUS "BLACK BILL,"—

William Smith who was apprehended under a warrant on Monday, was brought before Mr. C. W. Nevill, charged with drunkenness, and was ordered to find sureties for his good behaviour, and, in default of doing so, was committed to the House of Correction for three calendar months' with hard labour.

(Western Mail 2nd February 1871)

LLANELLY.

THE HEALTH OF THE TOWN.—

Our readers will be, doubtless, glad to learn that the small-pox

epidemic, which has been raging at this place for many months, is now steadily decreasing. We make this statement on the authority of the reports of the medical officers of the town, presented to the Local Board of Health on Saturday. From a perusal of the reports, which appeared in our issue of Tuesday, it will be observed that the medical officers are unanimous in the opinion of the paramount importance of vaccinations and re-vaccination. All their recommendations as to disinfection, cleanliness, &c., can, with the assistance of the Board of Health officers, be put into effect, even by the poorest. It is to be hoped that with the additional information obtained on this subject, and the experience we have gained, it will not be long before this epidemic is thoroughly stamped out, and that there will not be a single case left in the town.

(Western Mail 9th March 1871)

LLANELLY RAILWAY AND DOCK COMPANY, —

Receipts for the week ending April 22nd. 1871, £844 7s. 2d.;

corresponding week last year, £1,141 6s. 5d

(Western Mail 29th April 1871)

LLANELLY.

PICKING POCKETS AT THE FAIR.— George Harris, a tramp, who said he was from Cardiff, was charged by Police-sergeant Davies (before Mr Richard Nevill) with attempting to pick pockets in Llanelly fair, and was sentenced under the Vagrants' Act to three months' imprisonment.

SUDDEN DEATH.—A man named Williams, living at the Dale, Llanelly, died very suddenly some time during Friday night. He went to bed that night in his usual health, which was tolerably good, and when he was called the following morning he was quite dead.

(Western Mail 25th May 1871)

LLANELLY.

INFRINGEMENT OF THE BEERHOUSE ACT. —

At the petty sessions, on Wednesday (before Captain Cross and the Rev. David Williams, B.D.), James Gray, Sandy,

labourer; Henry Duck, Capel Newydd, currier; and Wm. Bevan, Church-street, millwright, were charged with being present at the Stag's Head at illegal hours, on Sunday morning, the 10th inst., and were convicted in a penalty of 1s. 8d. and 8s. 4d. costs each. or seven days' imprisonment.

WILFUL DAMAGE TO A DOOR.—Mr. Edward Leyshon, auctioneer, was charged with wilfully damaging a door, the property of Mr. William Davies, farmer, Llangennech. The defendant pleaded not guilty, but the complainant and his wife proved the damage, and supported the charge. — The defendant was convicted in a penalty of 1s., damage, 1s. 6d. and costs, 25s. 6d.

(Western Mail 23rd June 1871)

BURRY PORT AND GWENDRAETH VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY.

The half-yearly general meeting of the shareholders and directors was held at the company's offices, Coleman-street, London; Mr. C. R. Pemberton in the chair.

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting, the report of the company's operations for the half-year was then read, and in it it was stated that the statement of accounts showed a steady increase in the amount of tolls and dues received, the same being £396 8s. 11d., over the corresponding half-year. It was satisfactory to note this increase, notwithstanding the depressing influences of the late war on the anthracite coal trade. The French were large consumers of this economical, smokeless coal, which was found in perfection up the Gwendraeth Valley. During the last few months of 1870 and the four first months of the present year this trade received a very great check indeed from the cause mentioned, and in common with other bodies, this company had suffered very severely in its receipts; but the directors were happy to state that, since the peace, the aspect of affairs was more encouraging. The whole of the obligations of the company would, they felt confident, be promptly and satisfactorily met, and they were at present in a position to declare a dividend on the first preference shares. The sinking for coal in some parts traversed by their line

was still in progress, and a large quantity of iron stone was being raised. The directors felt indebted to their harbour-master, Captain Luckway for the able and efficient manner in which he had carried out all the works under his supervision, especially those at the dock, which would give increased facilities to the shipping trade. A branch line to Kidwelly would soon be commenced. The Kidwelly quay, the property of Lord Dynevor, had been offered to the Corporation of that place by his lordship.

The report, on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Lieut.-General Malcolm, C.B., having been adopted, the meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Mr. W. L. Sutton, seconded by Mr. F. Ommaney.

(The Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian 2nd September 1871)

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

During the past month or so the disease has been prevalent on farms between Llanelly and Carmarthen, on the South Wales Railway, particularly in the parish of Penilrey, the Gwendraeth Valley, and that neighbourhood. It

has now ceased there, but 63 cases are reported as existing in the same district adjoining Kidwelly and Ferryside stations, which are respectively about eight and 16 miles from Carmarthen. A few cases have also broken out at St. Clears, nine miles beyond Carmarthen on the road to Milford. Of the 63 cases reported, 17 have recovered. There are no sheep affected.

(The Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian 16th December 1871)

1872

PWLL BRITISH SCHOOL, PEMBREY ROAD.-

The Rev John R Morgan, the hon. sec. of the above school, has received the following report of the last examination this school has made satisfactory progress since last year. The discipline is good. The children, taking the circumstances of the case into consideration, passed, on the whole, a very fair examination in the elementary subjects. A large majority, however, was presented in the lower standards. The attendance is exceedingly good,

and in my opinion the master ought to have two apprentices to enable him to superintend efficiently the instruction of so many children. A. B. Richards passed his examination with very fair credit." The above is highly creditable to Mr. David Morgan the master. He has had not only to teach the children in the elementary subjects, but also to teach them the English language, as the district is thoroughly Welsh.

(The Cambrian 5th January 1872)

FOUNDERING OF AN UNKNOWN VESSEL.

A vessel, name unknown, went ashore near Ferryside, Carmarthen, yesterday, the masts fell and the ship broke up, and immediately disappeared, leaving no trace of the crew. A board was picked up, having on it the word "Llanelly."

(The North Wales Chronicle and Advertiser for the Principality 20th January 1872)

CARMARTHEN SPRING ASSIZES

BURGLARY.

John Benjamin, 28, tinman, pleaded guilty to burglariously

stealing from the dwelling-house of David Hughes at Kidwelly, on the 17th February, a silver watch, a German silver watch, eight German silver spoons, a bottle of brandy, a bottle containing whisky, and a piece of beef. Prisoner pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

(The Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian 9th March 1872)

A NEW STEAM CRANE AT THE NEW DOCK.

A steam crane for discharging ballast has been in use at the New Dock for many years. Last week one of Messrs. Stothert and Pitt's patent steam cranes commenced operations there, and the Cambria, (Bristol trader,) with a very large cargo of general goods, was discharged in twelve hours. This will enable the Llanelly Steam Navigation Company to despatch their steamer with much less loss of time than heretofore. We understand the Cambria is about having new boilers, and the company will soon be able to take the lead in the transit of goods from Bristol to Llanelly. The commander of the Cambria is the old Bristol trade veteran, Capt. William Thomas, and the present secretary of the company is Mr.

David Baile, the Bristol agent being Mr. William Thomas, Welsh Bach, and the Llanelly agent being Mr. James Lane Bowen.

The Cambrian 12th July 1872

LIVERPOOL LOCAL MARINE BOARD.

On Monday last at the examination of the above board, Mr. John Willams, son of Mr. John Williams, ropemaker High-street, Llanelly, received his certificate as master mariner.

The Cambrian 12th July 1872

HIGH PRICE OF COAL

THE high price of coal is beginning to tell in the Gwendraeth Valley, where several new collieries have recently been opened and some old ones have commenced working again. The abandoned iron works at Trimsaran are resumed and will be carried on by a limited company on an extensive scale. Two furnaces are now in course of construction, and preparations are being made for a large trade both in coal and iron. The works will be connected by a branch

with the Burry Port and Gwendraeth Railway.

They are very busy at the Carway Colliery, now in the hands of a Limited Company. The yield is about a hundred tons a day. This will be greatly increased, in a short time, the company having acquired altogether eight hundred acres of land; they are now sinking a new shaft and are generally opening fresh workings. At the Ffoy Colliery some powerful engines are just put up, indicating a determination on the part of Captain SMITH to meet the increasing demand for anthracite coal.

(The Welshman 27th September 1872)

PWLL, CARMARTHENSHIRE

At the close of a lecture, delivered by me at the British School Room, in this place, on Saturday evening, the 27th of July, I had an opportunity to explain, and enforce the principles and aims of the League to a large congregation, which seemed to sympathise entirely with the objects it had in view and I have already enrolled here several members in connection with the Llanelly Branch.

(The Cambrian 27th September 1872)

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LOCAL AGENTS

CARMARTHEN.....	Jones & Son, 16, Lammas-street.
"	Smith & Co., 19, Queen-street.
"	White Brothers, 7, Guildhall-sq.
Llandilo	Parry, Bookseller.
Haverfordwest ...	Llewellyn.
Newport	Griffith, Post-Office.
Pembroke	Trewent.
Tenby	Walkinton & Son, Chemists.
Swansea	Layng, Chemist.
Laugharne	David, Chemist.
Kidwelly	Thomas.
Cardigan	Clougher, Bookseller.

HORNIMAN'S AGENTS in every Town, — 2,538
Chemists, &c. [1072

**SUDDEN DEATH OF MR.
LEWIS OF STRADEY.**

At the moment of publication we received a telegram conveying the sad intelligence that Mr Lewis of Stradey died suddenly yesterday (Thursday) morning in London. He left home on Tuesday in his usual health. This announcement will be received with deep and universal regret throughout the whole of the district.

(The Welshman October 18, 1872)

1873

LLANELLY.

BODY FOUND ON THE GOWER COAST.—The body of the man John Jones, who has been missing for the past fortnight, was found on the Gower Coast at the end of last week. Jones and three other men went to Machynis on a Saturday night to bait their lines, and Jones stayed behind when his companions went home. It is supposed that he must have got bewildered in the darkness, and been drowned by the advancing tide. Jones lived in the Dolan in this town, and leaves a widow and four children

SCHOOL BOARD.—A meeting of this Board was held on Tuesday, Mr. J. Buckley in the chair. The members present were Messrs. Benjamin Jones, William Rosser, David Williams, John Jones, Dr. Morgan, and Richard Nevill. The Sites Committee held a meeting on the 24th ult.—present, Messrs. C. W. Nevill, W. Rosser, and Dr. Morgan—and the Clerk laid before them specifications, plans, and estimates of work to be done at Prospect-place School, and tenders for the work to be done at St. Paul's School, and received instructions with regard to these matters. As money is being expended at Furnace, St. Paul's, Prospect-place, Spitty, and Market-street schools, the committee were of opinion that some one should be appointed to see the work properly carried out, and the Clerk was asked to see if Mr. J. B. Morgan would undertake the office. The Clerk had seen Mr. Morgan, who undertook to see that the work was properly done at all the schools for ten guineas. At St. Paul's and at Furnace Schools, the said the work was being pushed on as rapidly as possible. The architect's plans and estimates of the new schools also came before the committee, who were of opi-

nion that, as the estimates were very high, details should be obtained, in order that they might be able to see where prices could be cut down, and the Clerk was directed to return the estimates to the architects, in order to get them detailed by a surveyor. The Clerk did so, and in a letter dated the 4th inst., the architects gave the amounts of those detailed estimates, but neglected to give the details. A letter was read from the Education Department, stating that "My Lords" cannot consent to the transfer of the Five Roads British School to the Board until the condition that the Board shall be bound to educate at the school six poor children without charge is omitted. The letter expressed "my lords" astonishment that the that the Five Roads school premises could have been charged with such a trust, seeing that the certificate from the promoters of the school, forwarded to the department in order to obtain the building grant in 1863, stated that there was no debt or liability whatever on account of the school, except what would be liquidated by the grant. At the next meeting of the Board managers will be appointed for the various Board schools, as the present managers' term of

office expires on the 31st of this month. The salaries of the schoolmasters of the Board schools will also be fixed at that meeting. The clerk read a letter from the secretary of the British and Foreign School Society, recommending three young ladies, one of whom lives at Merthyr, and the other two in this town, as schoolmistresses, and the clerk was instructed to communicate with the parties as soon as possible.

(South Wales Daily News 8th January 1873)

**COURT OF PROBATE.-
WEDNESDAY**

(Before the Right Hon Sir
JAMES HANNEN.

**IN THE GOODS of WILLIAM
MICHAEL, DECEASED**

This was an application for the grant of letters of administration to Emma Michael, of the estate and effects of her husband, on the presumption of his death in Sept. 1871. Mr. H. Bargrave Deane said that William Michael, late of Carlto-vawr, near Llanelly, left the port of Swansea, on the 8th of Sept. 1871, in the ship Pearl, of Llanelly, for St. Margette, and

thence to Bilbao in Spain, but no tidings had since been heard of the vessel, and the underwriters had paid as on a total loss. The widow of the deceased, Emma Michael, now residing at Erwfach, Pembrey, Carmarthen, now asked for administration to his estate and effects, the necessary affidavits having been duly filed.

Sir James Hannen made the order as prayed.

(The Western Mail 17th January 1873)

BURRY PORT NUISANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE
"WESTERN MAIL"

SIR,—Allow me space to call the immediate attention of our inspector of nuisances to New-street, Bury Port. Whatever the cause is of the simply horrid stench which fills the upper part of New-street, it should be at once removed; otherwise the unfortunate inhabitants of this place will be the victims of some fever or other.

I have often noticed pigsties, &c., removed from the roadside, and a good thing it was in many cases, but a whole street of pigsties would be more habitable and passable than the upper part of

New-street when the wind blows over a little shed, hard on the street, which, I am told, belongs to the butcher of the place.

Hoping, for the health of the place, this chiefest of nuisances will at once be looked to, I am, &c.,

Barry Port, May 31. CASSANDRA

(Western Mail 5th June 1873)

DEATHS —

On the 5th inst., aged 31 years, Sarah, the beloved wife of Mr. David Morgans, master of Pwll School, Pembrey Road.

(The Cambrian 20th June 1873)

THE LATE MR JOSEPH HOWE.

It is our painful duty this week to record the death of Mr Joseph Howe, who has been for very many years traveller for the South Wales Pottery. On Wednesday morning his daughter heard him breath very hard, and when she went to his room, found him unconscious and apparently in a fit. Medical assistance was at once sent for, but he had breathed

his last before they arrived, which was in a short time. He had been somewhat slightly indisposed for the past few days, but nothing seriously. He had got up that morning once— at 4 o'clock—and had returned to bed. He was well known in town, and much esteemed and respected, and his loss is much regretted by his numerous friends and relatives. The affair is all the more painful as his wife was from home at the time of the sad occurrence. He was a native of Hanley, Staffordshire, and had been connected with the earthenware manufacture from his boyhood.

(The Welshman 27th June 1873)

LLANELLY.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.—

On Friday morning it was discovered that the office of the South Wales Press Newspaper Company had been broken into and a fishing-rod taken as there is no money kept at the office. The South Wales Pottery office was broken into the same night the money was in a safe, and all the desks were broken, but only 2s. were taken.

(South Wales Daily News June 30, 1873)

PORT AND GWENDREATH VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY.

The half-yearly general meeting of the proprietors of the above Company, was held yesterday at the London offices, 80, Coleman-street.

Lieu-General George Alexander Malcolm. C.R., the chairman of the Company presided. The other directors present were Sir Harcourt Johnstone, Bart., M.P., Nr H Williams Pemberton, and Mr. F. Alexander R. Pemberton. There was but a limited attendance of shareholders.

The Chairman stated that the increase of the trade during the half-year had been very satisfactory, the receipts having amounted to £5,496, as against £3,096 for the corresponding half-year of 1872, or an increase of 77½ per cent. This revenue, after providing for payment of the debenture interest and all other claims, would entirely clear off the balance sheet that had accumulated against the revenue during the preceding half years, and leave a balance of £69 7s. 6d. to be carried forward to the current half-year. From the steady and rapid increase in the traffic, the directors confidently

expect that they will be enabled to pay the dividend on the first preference shares next half-year, even should the revenue remain as at present, but the directors confident that the increasement will continue from the natural growth of the business, as well as from projected new works up the Valley.

The Kidwelly branch, constructed by Mr. W. Milner Crowe, was now open for traffic, and would relieve the pressure on Burryport as soon as the works at the Kidwelly Corporation at the Quay were finished. There was every reason to expect that in the course of the current half-year the receipts of the Poole Line would be added to the revenue, by which a net increase would probably be obtained of from £500 to £600 a year. The chief expenditure on account of capital last half year had been on Kidwelly Branch, improving the harbour, erecting and connecting new stages, and providing additional siding accommodation for the increasing traffic.

The directors announced with regret the resignation of their seats by Mr. Pemberton, the former chairman, and Mr Wadham Locke Sutton, so long efficient members of the Board of

Directors. The directors had appointed Mr. Francis Alexander Richard Pemberton as successor to Mr. H. W. Peinberton, and Sir Harcourt Johnstone as successor to Mr. Wadham Locke Sutton, and subject to the approval of the shareholders, they had nominated Mr John Cleghorn to fill the remaining vacant seat on the Board. The report and statement of accounts were adopted, and a resolution passed authorising the directors to create and issue a portion of the unissued share capital, to enable them to complete works in hand, and pay for wagons, and for the additional locomotive power which was ordered last year, and recently delivered ay Burry Port. This was all the business before the meeting.

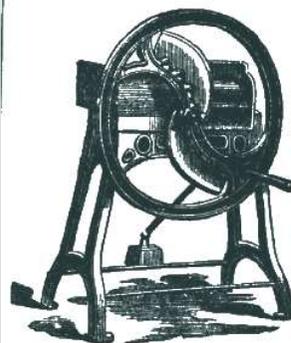
(South Wales Daily News 28th August 1873)

FERRY SIDE DEATH

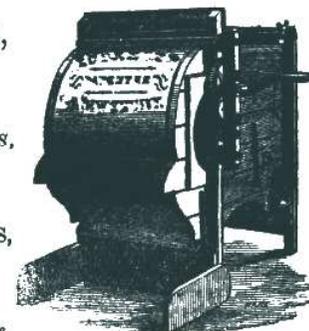
Yesterday the dead body of a widow lady named Mary Davis, of Ferry Side, was found in her own house by PC. Kendall. The deceased was last seen alive on the 2nd inst. When found she had evidently been dead some days, but there was nothing to show the cause of death. An inquest will be held to-day.

(South Wales Daily News 9th October 1873)

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[1510]

OLD FOUNDRY, CARMARTHEN.

MESSRS. BRIGHT & GARRARD

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CHAFF-CUTTERS, &c.

[1512]

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(The Welshman 27- September 1872)

LLANELLY.

GOOD TEMPLARS.—

Another lodge has been opened in this town, making the seventh altogether. This was opened in the National Schoolroom in connection with the Parish Church.

(The Welshman 17th October 1873)

EXTENSION OF TINPLATE WORKS.—

Messrs John S. Tregoning and Son have recently been extending their tinplate works, Morfa, so that it is now double its former size. The forge and steam hammer engines, made by Mr Richard Nevill, Wern Iron Works and Foundry, were started on Saturday last by Mr James Tregoning and his son William.

The Marshfield Iron Works (owned by Mr C. Budde & Co., Limited) have lately been extended by the addition of a tinhouse, so that the blockplate they make will be turned in Llanelly.

A new tinworks was started last week at Llangennech, when a grand supper was given by the proprietors to celebrate the occasion. A forge is about to be built at the Penclawdd Tinplate

Works. At the present rate this trade will be considerably overdone.

(The Welshman 17th October 1873)

A NEW STEAMER FOR THE PORT.—

Ever since the Llanelly (s.s) foundered some months ago we have been without any steam communication to Liverpool, which has been of some inconvenience to manufacturers and traders. A new company has been formed called "The Llanelly and Liverpool Steamship Company Limited," and it is intended to purchase a new steamer to trade between this port and Liverpool and some of the North of England iron ports. Captain Charles, who commanded the "Llanelly" (s.s) during the whole time, will be entrusted with the command of this steamer. In fact he has been the means of getting up the new company, and people placed such implicit confidence in his ability that the capital was immediately subscribed. We understand that the new steamer will be brought here either from the Clyde or the Tyne rivers, and will commence sailing very soon. We are glad that this steamer will shortly be

brought here as the Railway Companies have utterly failed in accommodating the ever increasing traffic to the North of England towns, and it is very likely that the Railway Companies would have raised the rates.

(The Welshman 17th October 1873)

LLANELLY.

THE SLAUGHTER-HOUSE QUESTION.—OPPOSITION TO THE POTTERY SITE.

At the monthly meeting of the Board, which was held on Saturday, present - Mr. Bernj. Jones in the chair, Messrs. H. J. Howell, Rees Harries, John Randall, Henry Rees, John Bevan, and David Evans, the slaughter-house question again came up and was referred for further consideration until the next meeting. At a meeting of the committee on this question held in the morning, present Mr. Benj. Jones, Mr. H. J. Howell, and Mr. Rees Harries, an amended plan of the ground at Pottery-street having been submitted by Mr. Rees, Mr. Robinson's agent, containing about an acre and a half, at a yearly rent of £65, it had been recommended that the same be accepted. At the beginning of

the Board meeting, however, Mr. Geo. S. Mee, the Rev. Thos. Johns, Capel Als, and Mr. Richard Prigrine, obtained audience of the Board, and presented a petition against the Pottery site, to which 223 signatures were appended, all (said Mr. Mee, after reading the petition), obtained on Friday after 3 o'clock, and the bulk of them after seven o'clock in the evening. Amongst other arguments against the Pottery site was this, that at 30 years' purchase - even supposing the landlord were willing to sell - it would cost the Board the enormous sum of £1,350 an acre, whereas at Dowlais a site had been obtained for a slaughterhouse at £400 an acre, and at Merthyr at £100 an acre. The Rev. T. Johns, in supporting the petition, reminded the Board that some time ago they granted the petition of the Park Church congregation against the Inkerman-street site, and the congregation worshipping at Capel Als was four or five or six times as large as that worshipping at Park, and that, at a meeting held at Capel Als the previous evening a resolution had been passed condemnatory of the Pottery site. Mr. Johns, therefore, believed the result of

the petition would be agreeable to the petitioners. During the consideration of the Question a general disinclination was expressed to going in the face of the petition. Mr. Rees Harries, being the only member who recommended that the Pottery site should be taken notwithstanding - and the question, as we have said was referred to the next meeting for further consideration. Towards the close of the meeting the Chairman reminded the Board that it would be a shirking of duty if they let the question drop on account of the difficulties surrounding it, but from the tone of the meeting it seems probable that it will be allowed to slide out of sight, for some time at least.

(South Wales Daily News November 4, 1873)

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KIDWELLY.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT

On Wednesday evening, as a goods train was proceeding towards Ferryside, when in the vicinity of St. Ishmael rocks, some of the trucks ran off the rails, and considerably damaged

the permanent way. During the night the traffic, as well as the mail train, had to be worked on a single line.

(The Western Mail 27th June 1874)

PEMBREY.

THE WATER QUESTION.—As already reported in our columns, the Sanitary Authority for the Union of Llanelly has appointed a sub-committee, consisting of eight local gentlemen, to consider the best means of supplying the parish of Pembrey, or the town of Burry Port, which is its most populous portion, with water. An improved water supply, as reported by the Medical Officer of Health, is absolutely needed for the place. A number of the parishioners, whose persons indicated in many cases their own perfect independence of even the existing water supply, thereupon conceived all manner of erroneous notions; and a series of vestry meetings were called, in which those notions were ventilated. The last of the series was held on Saturday evening, in the rear of the Ashburnham Hotel, and was presided over by Mr. Rogers, a Pwll collier. Mr D. A. Onslow, the Chairman of the

Llanelly Rural Sanitary Committee, attended, and with much kindness and patience explained the position of affairs to the meeting. He told his auditors that the sub-committee would do nothing until they had verified the accuracy of Dr. Benjamin Thomas's statement: that they would not bring water to any part of the parish where water was not wanted; that if water were brought, only the portion of the parish benefited by it would have to pay that there was no preconceived theory or cut and dried scheme in the way, but that the sub-committee would be glad of evidence and suggestions from any of the parishioners, and so on. Mr Edward Leyshon proposed, Mr David Lewis seconded, and it was passed by a large majority, "That this meeting disapproves of any water scheme for Burry Port and Pembrey without the matter having been previously submitted to a special meeting by the Sanitary or any Authority." Mr Onslow said it had been suggested that the meeting should select a few persons to confer with the sanitary sub committee on the alleged need of a more copious water-supply, and the best means of obtaining it. Mr

Leyshon declared that that would exactly suit them under the circumstances, and the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen: Mr. M. N. Evans, Burry Port; Capt. W. Lewis, shopkeeper; Rev. W. Jones, New-street, Burry Port; Mr Ed. Leyshon, Mr David Lewis, Coasting Pilot Inn; Mr Wm. Bevan, Burrow's-terrace; Mr Thomas John, Furnace, Pembrey, and Captain Francis Randell. Votes of thanks were passed to the Chairman and Mr Onslow, and a good rattling-round of cheers - the pleasantest feature of the meeting - were given to the latter gentleman and suitably acknowledged by him.

(South Wales Daily News August 24, 1874)

BURRY PORT.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We regret to record the sudden death of Miss Lefeaux, which occurred on Friday last. The deceased lady was the wife of Mr Lefeaux, the respected manager at Messrs. Mason and Ellkington's copper works. The melancholy event has cast a gloom over the neighbourhood, and the greatest sympathy is felt for the family.

(The Cardiff Times 19th September 1874)

LLANELLY.

THE TIN-PLATE TRADE.—We are sorry to hear that there is some uneasiness in one or two of the tin-plate manufactories. Fourteen of his workmen in different departments have given notice at the Llangennech Works to their employer, Mr G. H. Banks. Our friend, Jenkin Thomas, was visible in this latitude on Saturday, flitting about, we will not say like a bird of ill omen, but let us rather hope like a dove, with an olive branch in his beak! It will be news to the trade that the celebrated Morfa Works belonging to Messrs J. S. Trgoning and Son, are about to change hands. The agreement to purchase has been signed, and a deposit of £3,000 paid. It would be as yet premature to state further particulars but we believe a company will be formed to carry on the great and lucrative business thus acquired. We trust that an opportunity will be given to the employees—and earnestly availed of by them—to obtain an interest in the undertaking; which is a far more excellent way than lock-outs and strikes. Nevertheless, the loss of Mr J. S. Tregoning, junior, the managing director at Morfa, as a considerate and generous employer, is deeply

regretted by anticipation by a large number of persons, unionists and non-unionists alike.

DEATH ON THE RAILWAY.—The railways connected with various establishments (especially those of the Messrs. Nevill) cross and run alongside of several of our most important thoroughfares without any guard whatever. Accidents, sometimes fatal, are consequently of frequent occurrence. A few days ago an engine made a quiet and well-injured horse bolt, on the New Dock-road, with the result that the conveyance was upset, and its occupant, Mr Henry John Howell, of the timber mills, unpleasantly shaken and placed in jeopardy of life and limb. It often happens, of course, that these exposed railways, which are always a nuisance and a danger, are rendered doubly dangerous by the habits of carelessness and foolhardiness that they beget in people accustomed to them. On Friday afternoon last an inquest was held at the Whitstable Inn, New Dock, before Mr. J. D. Rowlands, deputy-coroner, on the body of David Thomas, a youth of 15, the son of James Thomas, gas stoker, near the Quay, Carmarthen. The deceased, David Thomas, died on Wednesday

morning, from injuries received on the Wednesday previous, by being crushed between the buffers of some ballast trucks not far from the Llanelly Dock station. It appears that he was a boiler-man at the Yellow Metal Mill at the Copper Works, and that he was returning home from his work at six o'clock p.m. on the day mentioned, when his progress was stopped by a long ballast train, which was shunting, or about to shunt, on the exposed line near the Dolad. Being in a hurry, he stopped between the near buffers of two of the trucks and then stooped under the coupling-irons, rose, and attempted to pass between the off buffers. The poor lad was a second too late. The train was slowly moving, and the buffers closed upon the unfortunate's body, holding it with what seemed to be only a firm grip and not a squeeze, and drawing it along with the train for two minutes or more. The reason why he was kept in this frightful position so long was the length of the train, which prevented immediate communication with the engine-driver. On being rescued he was conveyed home, and attended by Dr. Samuel, but he lingered for a week only. The coroner's jury returned a verdict

of "Accidental death." The body was conveyed on Saturday last by train to Carmarthen.

(The Cardiff Times 19th September 1874)

LLANELLY.

ANOTHER DEATH ON AN UNFENCED TRAMWAY.—

On Thursday afternoon a little boy, about three years' old, was run over at St. David's-row, near Messrs. Nevill, Druce, & Co.'s copper works, by an engine and trucks plying on the exposed railway there. The inquest is expected to-day.

(The Cardiff Times 26th September 1874)

BURRY PORT.

A MAN DROWNED IN THE DOCK.—A sad case of drowning occurred here on Saturday. A young man in the employ of Mr. G. Sutherland, of 7, Park-street, Llanelly, came here on business, and, in company with a friend, went to the old dock to bathe. Whilst in the water his friend, who was in advance, saw him sinking. An alarm was raised, and assistance was promptly rendered, but we regret to say without avail, for he was dead when pulled out.

It is supposed the unfortunate young man was seized with cramp.

PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY. — At a public meeting of the above society, Captain Lucraft, R.N., was in the chair. The object of the society was fully explained by the chairman and the secretary, Mr. J. Eynon, and also in Welsh, by the Rev. E. Watkins. Upwards of 80 shares were taken. This society will be a great boon to the neighbourhood, house accommodation being greatly needed.

(The Cardiff Times 3rd October 1874)

STRANGE CARRIAGE ACCIDENT.—

On Thursday evening, at a little after 7 o'clock, Mr. Daniel, manager of the Trimsaran works, was driving in a carriage towards Llanelly, drawn by one of the finest horses in the county, said to be worth upward of £100. Between Moreb farm and the Pwll a smaller vehicle, drawn by a smaller animal, collided with Mr. Daniel's turn out, and the shock was a severe one. Separating from each other, however, the smaller vehicle

continued on its course to Kidwelly, and, as we are informed, Mr. Daniel's carriage went forward a short distance, when his splendid horse fell down and died. It was then found that one of the shafts of the other conveyance had been forced right into the breast of the animal, which had in consequence bled to death. It was supposed and believed that the gentleman in the smaller conveyance was Mr. Evans, the new mayor of Kidwelly; but Mr. Evans says that, although he had been on the same line of road he was not in the collision at all. It does not appear that either conveyance carried lamps. Legal proceedings are threatened, if not actually begun in this strange case.

(The Cambrian 23rd October 1874)

LLANELLY.

“DIOGENES.” — This was the subject of an interesting lecture delivered at Park Congregational Church, on Tuesday evening, by the Rev. J. W. Lance, of Newport. The chair was taken by Mr. W. Rosser. The attendance was large, and the proceeds therefrom, as well as from the anniversary services held on Sunday, are to be

devoted to the liquidation of the debt remaining on the Burry Port Congregational Church.

STEALING IRON.—At the police-court, on Wednesday, Mr. Salisbury Miles, inspector on the Great Western Railway, charged Catherine Connolly, Llanelly, with stealing railway Iron on the 14th of August last. She was committed for two months with hard labour.

TRESPASSING IN PURSUIT OF CONIES — Peter Skym, Llanelly, was doubly charged with being in pursuit of conies, at Caemawr and Penywern, near Llanelly. He was convicted in the penalty of 10s. and costs for the first offence, and 20s. and costs for the second, or 14 days' imprisonment in each case.

SELLING UNWHOLESOME HERRINGS. — Catherine Edwards, Swansea, was charged by the market inspector, Llanelly, with selling unwholesome herrings. She was convicted in the penalty of 10s. and costs.

EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCE. — Howell Evans, Achddu, Pembrey, was charged with maliciously exposing an explosive substance with intent to do grievous bodily

harm. Defendant was committed to take his trial at the assizes, and to be kept in custody in default of sufficient bail being forthcoming.

(The Western Mail 23rd October 1874)

THE IRON TRADE AT LLANRLLY,

The Old Lodge Iron Works, Llanelly, at which a fortnight's notice of the termination of contracts has been given, belong to Messrs. Nevill Brothers, and must be distinguished from the Wern Foundry, which belongs to Mr Richard Nevill, although the interests of the three brothers are a good deal interlocked in trade matters, and the two establishments may have been worked on the mutual accommodation principle, as perhaps in boiler manufacture, the Wern Foundry is of the older date. The Old Lodge Works, whose name is probably derived from an ugly relic of Llanelly of (we should say) the Georgian period, having sprung into existence only some 20 years ago. The first proprietor was an independent minister, the Rev. John Thomas (Ieuan Ddu), who died a year or two since at Carmarthen. Mr Thomas was

induced to speculate in the ironworks industry by the late Mr Maybery, who was in the confidence of the Wern Foundry, and who, like his sons, was devoted to the development of the resources and the trade of Llanelly. Mr Wm. Henry Nevill soon became connected with the Old Lodge establishment, but did not prosper in it as his predecessor had done. His brother, Mr Richard Nevill, joined him, but two heads in this case proved little better than one. Then, about two years ago only, Mr Charles Nevill, the present member for the boroughs, also publicly entered into the partnership, and the firm of Nevill Brothers was thus fully constituted. It may be added that Messrs Nevill Brothers are also the proprietors of an iron shipbuilding yard, for which the plates are made at the Old Lodge Works, so that the stoppage of the latter, if it should continue, probably means the stoppage of the shipbuilding also, which would throw more men out of work. Indeed, it is no secret that the connection between the ironworks and the shipbuilding yard is now likely to be severed by the sale or letting out of the shipbuilding business. This somewhat intricate

chapter of Llanelly trade would not, be complete without a reference to the Llanelly Iron Shipbuilding Co., which a large number of people, including some of the share-holders in the company, mistakenly identify with the iron shipbuilding business of the Nevills. The fact is, that the Llanelly Iron Shipping Company are not ship-builders at all, nor are they tied up to deal with Messrs. Nevill, or any other firm in particular, for the iron ships they require, but they have bought all their ships from the Messrs. Nevill, so that practically, and in effect, the company represents an aggregation of capital used to foster the local ironships building enterprise conducted by the proprietors of the Old Lodge Ironworks. The number of furnaces at the Old Lodge Works ie, in times of full employment, larger than stated yesterday but those furnaces are not the blast-furnaces that some readers will understand them to mean, nor are anything like so many in operation now. Thus at present there are only nine, instead of eighteen, puddling furnaces going, each of which occupies four men-two for the day, and two for the night turn, or 36 men altogether. The balling

furnaces are five or six only, and occupy 12 men altogether. In the merchant iron manufacture department, twelve men and boys are engaged. In the plate mill, six men. In the guide mill, eight men and boys. The shears take up the time of eight men without boys. There are three blacksmiths with a boy each, two carpenters and an apprentice carpenter, and ten labourers. This is a much diminished staff, but the stoppage of wages coming to so comparatively few will be felt in their own homes and in the town, in addition to the apprehensions that a suspension of employment at the Old Lodge naturally excites, owing to the ramifications of the enterprise in which the proprietors are engaged, and to the jealousy with which everything tending to limit the demand for coal is viewed. The consumption of coal at the Old Lodge Works is about 80 tons a day. It is hoped, and now believed, that the fortnight's notice of the termination of all contracts may only be preliminary to fresh arrangements with the men. Some three years ago wages were considerably advanced at the works, and the price of iron (although more was then paid for pig) stood it, being then £15 or

£16 a ton. Now the price of iron is about £11 a ton, and, it is said, will not stand the higher wages rate. No reason why is assigned on the notice paper for the suspension of employment, and such a document seems an undesirable sort of preliminary to placing the necessity for a reduction before the men (if that be the intention of the notice) ; but we trust that the end of it all will be the resumption of labour, on terms on which the employed can comfortably live, while affording security and profits to their employers.

(South Wales Daily News 28th October 1874)

LLANELLY.

GAME TRESPASSES. - At the petty sessions held on Wednesday last, before Mr. E. N. Phillips, and Mr. T. Buckley, Andrew Leonard, gamekeeper to Mr Lewis Stradey, Llanelly, charged David John, alias - Dwt - of the Furnace, Llanelly, with trespassing in pursuit of conies on the Stradey estate, on the 21st inst. Mr T. B. Snead appeared for the complainant. Fined 10s. and costs.—Robert Marsh. Penybedd, Pembrey, charged Frederick

Selwood, Burry Port, with committing a similar offence on the 22nd inst., at Towyn Warren. Mr Mansel Rees prosecuted, and Mr. W. Howell defended. Fined 10s. and costs, altogether 29s.

"CWRW BACH." - Margaret Edward, Bryn, Llanelly, was charged by P.C. Dunn with selling beer without a license on the night of the 17th inst. The case was adjourned for a week, in consequence of the ineligibility of one of the bench to adjudicate upon its merits.

DRUNKENNESS.—P. C. Davies, Pontardulais, charged David Bowen, Bowen Bowen, William Lewis, and Thomas Prosser, all of Llangennech, with being drunk and disorderly at Llangennech village on the 17th inst. The defendants were fined in the mitigated penalty of 5s, and costs respectively, - Thomas Richards, Pontardulais was fined 5s and costs for a similar offence, at Pontardullais on the 18th.

NON-PAYMENT OF RATFS.—Several persons were summoned for the above offence by Mr W. Isaac, collector. An order for immediate payment made in each case

(South Wales Daily News 29th October 1874)

LLANELLY VILLAGE HOSPITAL CONCERT

The first of the two concerts which are to be given in aid of the Llanelly village hospital fund was held last night, and was a grand Success. There was a crowded house and great enthusiasm was manifested. A second concert will be held to-night, and the same amateurs will take part in it.

(South Wales Daily News 17th November 1874)

MAD CAREER OF A DRUNKEN CARTER.

At the petty-sessions on Wednesday, before Mr Nevill and Mr Douglas A Onslow, Griffith Anthony, Park-street, Llanelly, was charged by P.O. Davies, Pontardulais, with the above offence on the 7th inst, at Llanedy. It appears that defendant, who had been supplying some public houses with beer to meet the increased demand expected on the following Monday on account of the annual fair, had imbibed too freely of his own "good ale." Returning home intoxicated he apparently forgot himself, drove furiously down towards Pontardulais, narrowly

missing doing severe injury to several persons who were wending their way homeward from Swansea market, and finally finishing off with running into the Rector of Llanedy's carriage, driven by Mr T. Bevan, and containing Mrs Williams (the rectory), and one of her daughters, and considerably damaged the vehicle. Luckily the occupants escaped uninjured. The bench remarked that the charge was a grave one, and that they were bound to visit it with exemplary punishment. The costs being heavy, he was fined 7s. 6d and costs, in all £1 8s.

(The Cardiff Times 21st November 1874)

LLANELLY

AWFULLY SUDDEN DEATH - On Monday last a workman named Joseph Morris alias Jow Chains, so called from the fact of his being a chainmaker, dropt down dead whilst at his work in the Wern Iron Works in an awfully sudden manner. Deseased was, we regeret to say, a very hard drinker. An inquest will be held on the body.

LAUNCH - On Monday last, another iron vessel, the 'Gertrude,' built in Messrs. Nevill Bros' Yard, was launched below the Carmarthen Dock. It is the property of the Llanelly Iron Shipping Company, Limited.

(The Welshman 27th November 1874)

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LLANELLY SEVENTY YEARS AGO.

Our venerable contemporary the *Cambrian* is not like the ladies who are ashamed to tell their ages. It was seventy-one last week, and to commemorate the event it issued a *fac simile* of its first number, dated January 28th, 1804. It was a very small *Cambrian* when it came into the world—rather less than a double demy sheet divided into four pages; price 6d., which with 3½d. duty, brought the cost up to 9½p. Mr. Le Caan was agent for the little adventurer in Llanelly - a name, by the by, that tells us our local associations with France are not of yesterday. Mr. Le Caan was no doubt a peaceful and profitable invader but French invaders of another kind were apprehended in those days, and we read of a subscription to provide four light field pieces and ammunition for the defence of Swansea Harbour and the adjoining coast, to which Alexander Raby, Esq, contributes five guineas. While "the rapacity of the French arms and the presumption and arrogance of their councils" thus troubled the

hearts of loyal Welshmen, the very elements apparently conspired against their peace. The very first local paragraph, after the shipping news, states

On Thursday and Friday morning last we experienced a most tremendous gale of wind, which exceeded in fury anything of the kind within recollection. The tide being out, the shipping received but trifling injury. Some vessels ran ashore at the Mumbles, which have since been got off with inconsiderable damage. The streets of the town exhibited a distressing spectacle at the dawn of Friday, being covered with tiles, slates, &c., scarcely a house having escaped uninjured. Several chimneys were blown down, but providentially no lives were lost. It would greatly exceed the limits of a newspaper to particularise the mischief produced by the devastating element; we have received accounts from various quarters of Wales, and the neighbouring counties, of its melancholly effects - many cottages have been destroyed, houses and other buildings unroofed, ricks dispersed, large timber-trees torn up by the roots, &c., &c., but, amidst the general ravages, it will be extremely gratifying to the feeling mind to

learn there has been only one or two instances of persons having perished. Here as in other ports, the storm was preceeded by an uncommon agitation of the sea, which seemed to indicate a surprising concussion of nature. The Brecon Mail-coachman was blown off his box over a bridge into the river Tarrellt; and a meteor also appeared, extremely bright over the outskerts of Brecon.

Our grandfathers kept their spirits up, however, notwithstanding the Great War, the storm, the surprising concussion of nature, and the extremely bright meteor. Thus, we are informed, (with a profusion of commas) that "Swansea Assembly, last night, exhibited, as usual, a numerous and elegant display of company;" and also that on "Thursday last Mrs. Carleton opened her elegant New Theatre at Milford." Llanelly too, the silly youngster, affected the gaities of the time seventy years ago!

On Monday evening the Llanelly Assembly commenced for the winter season, under the direction of H. Fragoïn and A. Raby, Esqrs., which was numerously attended by the fashionables of the town and neighbourhood.

Clearly the place was bright and plucky even at that early date, and the coming prosperity of the district was foreshadowed in the very first advertisement in the first number of the *Cambrian*.—*South Wales Press*.

(The *Cambrian* 12th February 1875)

PEMBREY.

THE RAILWAY FARE TO PEMBBEY.—At the Llanelly Petty Sessions, on Wednesday, Edward Leyshon was charged by Inspector Miles, Great Western Railway, with refusing to quit Pembrey station on his arrival there by the nine o'clock train at night, and with kicking a parcel on to the line, on the 21st of December last. Fined £1, and 17s costs.—Mr. Leyshon was also charged with travelling without a ticket by the same train on the 14th of January. Benjamin Jones, ticket-collector, sworn, deposed: I asked defendant for his ticket, and he said he had none. I asked him where he came from. He said "from h—." I told him he would have to pay his fare. I asked him to come into the booking-office—apparently to have the fare from that particular place computed—but he would not come. He was

going to leave the platform, but I stopped him, when he struck me. I struck him back. This has happened before, and he has struck me before. For travelling without a ticket the passenger was fined £1, and costs, 14s 6d and for the assault £1, and 14s 6d costs.

(South Wales Daily News February 27, 1875)

LLANELLY.

SUNDAY CLOSING. - In the House of Commons, on Thursday, Mr. C. W. Nevill presented a petition from the inhabitants of Llanelly in favour of closing public-houses on Sunday.

(Western Mail 8th May 1875)

LLANELLY.

SUDDEN DEATH - Rachel Arnold, of Cambria-place, Seaside, an aged widow of 79, died at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, in a fit that came suddenly upon her while she was in a neighbour's house at Custom-house Bank, paying for some coal.

SAD DEATH. - Lavinia John, a young woman of 28, the wife of Edward John, painter, Haverfordwest, who has been

lodging in Pottery-place, died at the village hospital in circumstances that caused it to be supposed an inquest would be held, but Dr Thomas certified that the woman died of "exhaustion." The husband, who was not an ornament to the domestic circle or to society, disappeared immediately after the event. The poor woman was buried yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon, and the neighbours were prepared to give a striking expression of their regard for the widower, should he attend the funeral

(The Cardiff Times May 22, 1875)

FERRY SIDE. DEATH OF MRS WILLIAM NEVILL.

This truly good and estimable lady, the beloved wife of Mr W. H. Nevill, departed this life in peace on Thursday last, at Robert's Rest, the family mansion, after a very short but painful illness. Mrs Nevill was grand-daughter to the celebrated Elizabeth Fry, the eminent philanthropist, who laboured so untiringly with Howard, the great reformer of our prison discipline and management. She was also famed for many other acts of

charity, not only in happy England, but in other climes far remote from us. Suffice it to say here of our now departed friend and counsellor, who is gone to her final rest, that she followed closely in the steps of her much-beloved grandmother having been an endless source of comfort and support to many a dying Christian, who always welcomed her cheerful smile and words of consolation. Great sympathy is felt by rich and poor alike in this place for the bereaved husband and his numerous family, who cannot but feel keenly the loss of so true a helpmate and so loving and tender a mother, whose virtues shone out so brightly under all the changes and chances of this life. The funeral will take place on Tuesday at St. Ishmael's Church.

(South Wales Daily News 14th June 1875)

LLANELLY.

EXCISE PROSECUTION.—On Wednesday—before Messrs R. G. Thomas, E. H Phillips, and J. Buckley—Hugh Waddle, Llanelly; Evan Davies, Dafen Eleanor Davies, Marshhfield; Robert Fisher, Llanelly; Wm. Cook, Mackyness-row; and Wm. Peddley, Dafen, were summoned

by Mr E. Bucklow, Llandilo, supervisor, for keeping dogs without a license. Mr King, Excise officer, Llanelly, proved the cases, and too defendants were each fined 25s.

THE GREAT VEIN. - The operations of Messrs Nevill, Druce and Co., at their new pit, called the Cae Colliery, Marble Hall, has met with great success. On Tuesday last, "the nine-foot vein" or "big vein" (as it is variously called) was reached at a depth of 52 fathoms, and two months before the engineers expected to meet with it. A railway is nearly completed, which will connect the Cae Colliery, via Pottery-road, with the manufactories of the firm, the harbour, and the Great Western system, and important results may shortly be expected from this most recent development of our mineral resources. The coal is of fine bituminous quality.

(South Wales Daily News June 26, 1875)

THE PROPRIETOR OF STRADEY, NEAR LLANELLY.

In view of the marriage of Mr C. Mansel Lewis, the owner of the Stradey property, which will take place next week, a number

of the townsmen have resolved to present him with an address on behalf of themselves and their fellow-townsmen, and to offer a bracelet, or some other ornament, for the acceptance of his bride. Mr Lewis, who has expressed his personal interest in whatever concerns the welfare of Llanelly, will take up his residence, with his young wife, at their beautiful seat of Stradey, which is adjacent to the town.

(South Wales Daily News July 14, 1875)

LLANELLY.

DEATH IN SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.—

Emanuel Card, of Neath, a general dealer in fruit, who frequented Llanelly and other markets, has come by his death under peculiar circumstances. Card, who was 60 years of age, was last seen alive about 9 o'clock on Saturday night, near the sluices, a little above the harbour lighthouse. On Sunday, at noon, the body was seen by Joseph Richards, lying on its back in the mud near the light-house. Richards gave information to sergeant Hughes who extricated the body. An inquest was held on Monday at the Mariners' Inn by a respectable jury, before the

deputy coroner, Mr J. D. Rowlands. Three witnesses were examined, viz., the person who identified the deceased, the person who last saw him alive and the man who found the body on Monday. The jury returned a verdict of "found dead," adding that there was no evidence to show how the deceased came by his death. It is an extraordinary fact that three large stones were found in the pockets of the unfortunate man. There was an unseemly sequel to the inquest. The men who assisted in getting the body out of the mud were given a gratuity by the coroner. At the sea-side there are plenty who are ready to share in gratuities, and those who had come about to assist, or had offered to do so, in carrying the body, also claimed to be remunerated. The deputy coroner, however, sharply rebuked the idle sea-side loafers, who would have made gain of the remains of the dead.

(The Cardiff Times 24th July 1875)

BURRY PORT

PATENT FUEL. — Messrs Elkington's new patent fuel works has proved satisfactory, as the fuel was tried on Monday by

General Malcome and Messrs Elkingtons on one of the Burry Port and Gwendrath Valley Railway Company's locomotive engines from Burry Port to Pontyberem.

EXCURSION. — On Tuesday the Llandoverly Sunday School children had an excursion here. They walked down the dock, in procession, headed by the brass band, and afterwards went on the Sands and the Burrows, where there was plenty of amusement carried on all day. In the afternoon they had tea in front of the Harbour View Inn. About 6 o'clock they proceeded to the station, and returned home by train.

(The Cardiff Times 4th September 1875)

DEATH

WILLIAMS.—On the 10th inst., after a protracted illness' at Ferryside, Anna Mansel, relict of Captain Williams, formerly of Bath, and eldest sister of the late John Hughes Rees of Kilymaenllwyd, aged 70 years.

(The Welshman 17th September 1875)

FERRYSIDE.

CHRISTMAS BENEFACTIONS.

— Mrs Hamlyn has just given away upwards of 15 tons of good household coal, with other comforts, to the widows and other deserving poor at this place. Mr W. Nevill, Mr Risley, and several others of the gentry of the neighbourhood have also made generous gifts.

A NARROW ESCAPE FROM BEING FROZEN TO DEATH.—

— On Friday night a captain and owner of a small vessel belonging to Laugharne, instead of proceeding on board his vessel which was lying on the beach at this place, lay down on the sands by the side of his boat and fell fast asleep. Fortunately the ferrymen happening to pass that way about 10 o'clock awoke him from his slumber, otherwise, no doubt, he would have been frozen to death, as a hard frost had set in.

(The Cardiff Times 22nd January 1876)

A STRIKE IN DEFENCE OF THE NINE HOURS' MOVEMENT.

The South Wales Press of Thursday says:- On Saturday Mr Richard Nevill intimated to some men in the employment of Messrs Nevill Brothers, at the Wern Foundry, that he desired all the men, on and after the following Tuesday, to work ten hours instead of nine hours, five days in the week. The firm had an order, he said, which they could not afford to accept unless the men were willing to do so. He was willing that, on Saturdays, they should leave at one o'clock as usual. As no corresponding advance in wages was offered, and no promise given that the extension of hours would be temporary only, the men were rather startled at the proposition, and did not take kindly to the thought of permanently sacrificing a leisure hour every day without any equivalent. On Tuesday afternoon, at five o'clock, which has been the hour for leaving work, the bell did not ring as usual, but the men applied to the time-keeper for the time-tickets, which, however, were refused them. They left the works, nevertheless, in a body, and in the course of the evening

held a meeting on the Park, and resolved not to allow of any interference with the nine hours arrangement.

It seems that the men to whom Mr R. Nevill spoke were a few of the foremen of branches, and the bulk of the workman thought they should have had the question put to them all alike. Yesterday morning there was a meeting of Mr Nevill with the men at 8 o'clock, at the chapel of the works, but there was no agreement arrived at, and Mr Nevill intimated that unless the men submitted they could either be paid off or would have a week's notice from to-day (Thursday). As we have said, on Tuesday night the men held a meeting in the park, and they then came to an understanding to work in concert. Last night there was another large meeting in the park, when it was unanimously resolved to accept of the week's notice rather than work the ten hours. It was asked what support the men who struck in defence of the Ten Hours could expect from their brethren in other works and offers of assistance were immediately volunteered from representatives of the South Wales Iron-works, Glanmor Foundry, Llanmor Ironworks, the

Copperworks, Messrs Thomas and Clement's works, the Painters' Union, the Dafen Tinworks the Shipwrights' Society, Marshfield, the Old Castle, Penrhos Foundry, the Amalgamated Engineers, &c.

(The Cardiff Times 15th July 1876)

LLANELLY.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT A SCHOOL TREAT.—The Park street Congregational church, Llanelly, gave a treat to the children who attend schools connected with that place of worship on Tuesday last. The scholars were conveyed by train to Kidwelly, and some of them proceeded at once to examine the old castle. One of these, named Annie Thomas, aged about 11 years, fell through one of the apertures of the arch, and was killed on the spot. An inquest was held on this body the same evening, when a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

CARMARTHENSHIRE LICENSED VICTUALLERS.—A committee meeting of the above association was held at the King's Arms, Felinfoel, on Tuesday evening last. It was decided that in future beersellers may be

admitted into the association on obtaining the votes of not less than two-thirds of the members. Many members expressed regret at the retirement of Mr C. W. Nevill from Parliament.

SCHOOL TREATS.—On Tuesday last, the Sunday school children of Capel Sion visited Cwmbach, and were regaled with tea and other refreshments. On the same day the children who attend the Church schools in town were taken in procession to the Furnace, where they were hospitably entertained. A brass band accompanied them.

PETTY SESSIONS. - At the sessions on Wednesday, Mr C. W. Nevill, M.P., and Mr J. S. Tregoning on the bench, there were only two cases of drunkenness, one case of selling during illegal hours, and two affiliation cases. Since trade has become so bad in Llanelly, the petty disturbances for which it was previously noted have become rare.

(South Wales Daily News 4th August 1876)

LLANELLY.

EXCURSION. — On Saturday the employees at the Burry Tinworks had an excursion to

Newport. The weather being so fine a large number availed themselves of the day's pleasure.

BICYCLE TOUR. — Mr. G. T. Edmund, of Grovesend, together with a friend, started on Saturday morning on a bicycle tour to the north of England. This is, we believe, the longest journey ever attempted by young Welshmen, both of them being under 19 years of age

(Western Mail 15th August 1876)

FERRYSIDE

SUDDEN DEATH. — On Thursday, a man named Thomas, farm labourer, at Penallt, St Ishmael's, found dead by his bedside. It appears that Thomas had been drinking heavily the night before, and had slept in the hay loft, and was suffocated. An inquest was to have been held yesterday, before Mr James Rowlands, coroner for the district, and the jury were summoned, but no coroner arrived.

(The Cardiff Times 16th September 1876)

BURRY PORT.

THE WORKING MAN'S CLUB AND INSTITUTE has been opened at No. 1, Campton-place.

Addresses on the occasion were delivered by several gentlemen who take an interest in these institutions.

TRADE, —The coal trade of this place is rapidly recovering. The docks are full of ships waiting for cargoes.

(Western Mail 20th November 1876)

NATURALIST

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**SKINS OF ANIMALS
 MADE INTO RUGS FOR
 THE CARRIAGE OR
 HOUSE.**

*Specimens Cleaned and
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(The Cambrian 24th November 1876)

LLANELLY.

Mr. DAVID STANTON, the long distance champion cyclist of the world, will run 20 miles on his bicycle in the market-place, Llanelly, tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon. A dinner is to be given in the evening at the Northgate Hotel.

(Western Mail 27th November 1876)

W & A GILBEY'S NATURAL LIGHT WINES
 FROM FRANCE, GERMANY AND HUNGARY

Owing to the favorable recommendation of the Medical Profession, the increase in the consumption of Natural Light Wines has during the past few years been altogether unprecedented. The under-mentioned List contains some of the leading varieties of each class of Natural Light Wines, and while offering an agreeable variety of choice to consumers the Wines will be found of remarkable quality and value at the prices charged. The moderate prices of these Wines are accounted for to a great extent by the fact of their coming to this country at the lowest rate of duty.

DR. DRUMM'S report on Sparkling Saumur Wines, which appeared in the *Medical Times*, will be forwarded on application.

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NATURAL RED WINES				NATURAL WHITE WINES			
		Bottle	Dozen			Bottle	Dozen
Castle A	CLARET	}	1/ 12/	Castle A	WHITE BURGUNDY	1/6	18/
Castle B	CLARET		1/3 15/	Castle B	WHITE BURGUNDY	2/	24/
Castle C	CLARET		1/6 18/	Castle A	SAUTERNE	1/3	15/
Castle D	CLARET		2/ 24/	Castle B	SAUTERNE	2/	24/
Castle 1	RED BURGUNDY	1/3	15/	Castle A	WHITE HUNGARIAN	1/6	18/
Castle 2	RED BURGUNDY	1/6	18/	Castle B	WHITE HUNGARIAN	1/9	21/
Castle 1	KARLOWITZ HUNGARIAN	1/6	18/	Castle A	HOCK (Still)	1/6	18/
Castle 2	KARLOWITZ HUNGARIAN	1/9	21/	Castle B	HOCK (Still)	2/	24/

The above Wines can be supplied in Pint Bottles at half the prices mentioned, with 6d. per dozen Pints added.

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Castle 1	Fruity CHAMPAGNE	}	Quarts 2/2 26/	Castle 4	Fruity CHAMPAGNE	}	Quarts 4/6 54/
			Pints 1/3 15/	Castle 4A	Dry CHAMPAGNE		Pints 2/5 29/
Castle 2	Fruity CHAMPAGNE	}	Quarts 2/8 32/	Castle 5	Dry CHAMPAGNE	}	Quarts 5/6 66/
			Pints 1/6 18/	Castle 5A	Very Dry CHAMPAGNE		Pints 2/11 35/
Castle 3	Fruity CHAMPAGNE	}	Quarts 3/6 42/				
Castle 3A	Dry CHAMPAGNE		Pints 1/11 23/				

SPARKLING SAUMUR WINES.—These dry Sparkling Champagnes from Saumur are of most excellent quality, and are highly recommended by the Medical Profession.

Castle SAUMUR	Silver Foil	}	Quarts 2/1 25/	Castle SAUMUR	Gold Foil	}	Quarts 2/6 30/
			Pints 1/3 14/6				Pints 1/5 17/

For particulars of more than 200 varieties of Wines & Spirits see W & A Gilbey's Book of Prices

LLANELLY.

HIGHWAY BOARD.—The usual fortnightly, meeting of this board was held on Thursday. Present—Messrs W. Rosser (in the chair), John Thomas, Daniel Davies, and B. Jones (Caeffalr). The Chairman, complimented the surveyor, Mr Daniel Thomas, upon the manner in which the roads were kept in the hamlet of Glyn. The following is the report of the surveyor:— "I beg to report that the recent floods have scoured portions of roads in the district to a great extent, viz. : The Llanelly old turnpike by Nantyffin, Pontyffynon road, Caermawr road, and almost all the hilly roads. I have directed the men to repair those roads forthwith. I have also to report to your board that the approaches to Cryglan bridge and the Burry Port and Gwendraeth Valley railway have been repaired, and also Ponthenry bridge.

(South Wales Daily News 13th January 1877)

LLANELLY.**PETTY SESSIONS.**

These sessions were held on Wednesday, before Messrs C. W.

Nevill and C. N. Phillips. Matthew Peake, a boy of 12, and John Thomas, who looked much younger, were brought from the union to answer a charge of larceny, which was adjourned from last week. They were committed to the industrial school for two years. John Rees, commercial traveller, charged Joseph Jones, alias Joe Rsting, with stealing a purse containing a sovereign, &c., from his bedroom, in the Tymelin Hotel. He was committed for trial to the assizes.—The adjourned poor-rate case against Messrs Holland and Guest, of the South Wales Pottery, Llanelly, was again adjourned for two months. Mr Wm. Isaac, collector, appeared on behalf of the overseers.

(South Wales Daily News 19th January 1877)

THE FAILURE OF THE BURRY PORT SMELTING COMPANY.

The application to file a petition in liquidation on behalf of the company was made to Mr. Walter Lloyd, registrar of the Carmarthen County Court, by Messrs Clarkes, Rawlings, and Clarke solicitors, of London. The names of the company are given as Messrs. Astley Thompson, E. Wood, Douglas A. Onslow, and

John Dudley Thompson, and the liabilities, as previously stated, are estimated at £300,000. The books however, have not yet been examined, and it cannot be said what the amount of the assets will be. The solicitors applied for a receiver to be appointed, and the registrar selected Mr. Bishop, of the firm of Messrs. Turquans, Young and Co., London, who will act as manager of the works, and conduct them until the first meeting of the creditors. This meeting will take place at Messrs. Turquans, Young and Co's offices, in London on the 20th April, and it will then decide whether the affairs shall be wound up by liquidation or composition.

The news of the failure has created a great sensation throughout the country, the members of the firm being gentlemen well-known and highly respected, The works are most extensive, employing several hundred hands, and a very important business has been done. Some London firms and a bank are said to be seriously effected by the failure.

(The Western Mail 26th March 1877)

PEMBREY.

AN ESCAPE.—On Tuesday evening, while the Hero steam-tug

was towing the Hannah, of Llanelly, to sea, William Morgans, the apprentice, was put into the boat to try to raise her on board. The steamer, going at high speed, caused the boat to capsize. The coastguard's boat at once put off to his assistance. He managed to get on the top of the capsized boat, and was soon rescued.

(South Wales Daily News June 14, 1877)

BURRYPORT AND GWENDRAETH VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY.

The half-yearly meeting of proprietors was held in London on Tuesday, under the presidency of Mr F. A. R. Pemberton. The following report of the directors was adopted :—The expenditure on account of capital during the past half-year has been chiefly incurred in the construction of a short extension to chemical works established beyond Pontyberem. This extension will also enable the proprietor of a colliery now in work to form a junction with this company's line, which he proposes at once to do. The revenue is recovering, but the Burry Port Smelting Works having been closed the greater part of the half-year, depressed the local traffic, and thus influenced the

tolls adversely. The receipts, however, are £522 10s 4d more, and the expenses £307 6s 4d less than in the corresponding period of last year. The company's property has been well kept up and improved. The locomotives and steam cranes are in perfect order.

(South Wales Daily News 31st August 1877)

THE SOUTH WALES POTTERY AT LLANELLY.

Messrs George Guest and Thomas Dewsberry, of Burslem, Staffordshire, have arranged with Mr Chambers to take the above named works; and after the necessary repairs are completed, operations will commence. Mr David Guest, Llanelly, of the late firm of Messrs Holland and-Guest, will be the manager and representative in carrying on the business. It is also rumoured that a large works in the neighbourhood will be started soon.

(South Wales Daily News 19th November 1877)

LLANELLY

DEATH BY CHLOROFORM – On Friday evening, an inquest was held at The Royal Oak,

Felinfoel, before Mr. Rowlands, district coroner, touching the death of Edward Rees, collier, who had died on the previous day under the effects of chloroform. He was suffering from fistula, and chloroform was administered for the purpose of operating upon him. He died in a very short time after inhaling the chloroform, and before the operation had commenced. A post mortem examination of the body was made, when it was found that the heart had been paralysed, and a verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

(Monmouthshire Merlin 23rd November 1877)

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THE BOAT ACCIDENT IN CARMARTHEN BAY.

The Lords of the Treasury have written to Mr Thomas Thomas, Mayor of Carmarthen, stating that "compassionate allowance" of £15 per annum is to be paid to Mrs Humphreys, widow of the late Thomas Humphreys, of Ferryside, who was drowned on the 28th of January last, and a compassionate allowance of £2 10s. per annum to each of her seven children until they respectively attain the age of

15 years. A gratuity of £20 is also to be given to Mrs Davies the widow of William Davies, who was drowned with Humphrey.

The mayor of Carmarthen says I am sure your readers will be glad (as I am) to find that their lordships have not forgotten poor Mrs. Davies. Mr John Jones, M.P. for this county has rendered most important aid in advancing this cause with their lordships. This communication will now enable me in a few days to place before your readers my final statement."

(The Cardiff Times 20th April 1878)

FERRYSIDE.

ABOUT a fortnight ago a lady and gentleman arrived at Ferryside and took apartments there. The gentleman stated that he was a commercial traveller. All went well till the eve of Good Friday, when my lady was taken very ill. To the landlady, who called in a neighbour to stay with her, she protested it was only a temporary indisposition, but about 2 a.m. on the morning of the 10th inst. there was an addition to the household, no one being present at the birth but the neighbour before mentioned, who, we believe, acted as widwife. On

the following Monday or Tuesday the gentleman, without stating where he was going, left Ferryside by the first train, and at 9 a.m. the same day his companion followed him, leaving the baby behind. The landlady states that before leaving they made an arrangement with her to nurse the child for a consideration of 4s per week.

(The Cardiff Times 4th May 1878)

AUCTION REPORTS.

On Thursday last, at the Thomas Arms Hotel, Llanelly, the farm of Cwmbach, containing 48a 3r 1p, was sold to Mr. C. W. M. Lewis, of Ystradey Mansion, for £4,600.

At the Stepney Arms Hotel, the farm of Harberdeg. near the Five Beads, containing 59a 1r 3½p, was sold to Mr Robert Ugoed Rees, of Hall-street, Llanelly, for £1,170; and the farm of Danyguawg, containing 160a 2r - 28p, was sold to Mr John Stone, Cynherdue, for £2,520.

(South Wales Daily News 8th June 1878)

VISIT OF ADMIRAL RABY TO LLANELLY.

This week Llanelly was favoured by a visit from Rear-Admiral Raby, an old resident of the town.

Rear-Admiral Raby was the son of the late Mr Arthur Raby. It was his grandfather, the late Alexander Raby, when he came to Llanelly in 1796, who spent a large fortune in connection with the Furnace Iron Works, the Carmarthenshire Dock and Railroad, and collieries in the neighbourhood. Rear-Admiral Raby visited the Furnace and the ruins of the burnt house behind Brynmor House, as well as several portions of the Old Carmarthenshire Railroad. He also visited the Carmarthenshire Dock, better known to the old inhabitants of Llanelly by the title of "Squire Raby's Dock."

It is some 37 years since the rear-admiral left Llanelly, and he was very much surprised to find that the straggling town of Llanelly had grown to such a large and important place. He was disappointed, however, to find so few vessels in the port and the shipping facilities so inferior. The neighbourhood of the Forge, Pembry-road, was exceedingly gay on the occasion. The Forge-row and Raby-street were decorated with flags of every description, and in alighting from his carriage, the Admiral was cheered by a large concourse of people. He entered every cottage in Forge-

row, and had interesting conversation with the oldest inhabitants, dispensing small presents to several poor people. In leaving he was again cheered. The Admiral put up at the Stepney Arms Hotel.

(The Cardiff Times 13th July 1878)

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWN ING AT BURRY PORT.

A lad named Evan Morgans, residing at Burry Port, whilst bathing in the Sluice basin on Tuesday, was overpowered and carried a long distance by the stream. Mr. J. Lear, who was 400 yards off, ran to the spot, plunged into the water with his clothes on, swam to the drowning lad, and brought him on shore. Dr. Jones and others who attended the boy succeeded in restoring animation. This is the second life Mr, Lear has saved from drowning since residing at Burry Port. He was formerly in the Royal navy, and for services rendered to his country during the period, wears four medals and three bars.

(Western Mail 14th August 1878)

LONDON MARKETS.

MARK-LANE, Oct. 1.

The supply of Bread-Corn for this morning's market was not great, and, as usual, the want of fine samples rendered the price of Wheat, of that description, full as dear as last Monday; the ordinary sorts, however, bear no proportion in price with the above.—Barley, from the short quantity at market, is rather dearer; and Malt, of fine quality, as the brewing season approaches, is likewise getting higher.—In Beans, and most other articles, there is also a briskness, particularly in new fine White Pease.—Oats are plentiful, and prices about last week's currency.

Current Prices of Grain per Quarter as under:—

Wheat.....	56s to 78s Od	Polands	30s to 31s Od
Rye.....	38s to 42s Od	White Pease	40s to 48s Od
Barley.....	31s to 36s Od	Grey do.....	40s to 44s Od
Malt.....	66s to 72s Od	Beans	38s to 44s Od
Oats.....	24s to 29s Od	Tick do.	34s to 38s Od

Price of FLOUR.

Fine Flour, per sack 65s to 68s | Seconds, per sack 60s to 65s

Average Prices in ENGLAND and WALES.

Wheat..	64s Od	Barley..	34s 7d	Beans	40s 11d
Rye....	40s 6d	Oats....	26s 4d	Pease	42s 8d

Price of MEAT.—To sink the offal, per stone 8lb.

SMITHFIELD.		NEWGATE & LEADENHALL.	
Beef.....	8s 8d to 4s 8d	Beef.....	3s Od to 4s Od
Mutton....	4s 4d to 5s Od	Mutton....	3s 4d to 4s Od
Veal.....	4s Od to 5s 4d	Veal.....	3s 8d to 4s 8d
Pork.....	4s Od to 4s 8d	Pork.....	4s Od to 4s 8d
Lamb.....	4s Od to 5s Od	Lamb.....	3s Od to 4s 4d

Beasts at Smithfield, about 2,300—Sheep & Lambs 20,000

Price of SEEDS.

Red Clover.....	60s to 95s per cwt.
White ditto.....	60s to 98s do.
Trefoil.....	21s to 36s do.
Carraway.....	85s to 90s do.
Coriander.....	10s to 12s do.
Tunip.....	14s to 24s per bushel
White Mustard Seed....	8s to 10s do.
Brown ditto.....	12s to 16s do.
Canary.....	7s to 8s do.
Rye Grass.....	15s to 24s per quarter.
Rape Seed.....	39l. to 42l. per last.

Price of HOPS.

BAGS.		POCKETS.	
Kent	3l 10s to 3l 18s	Kent.....	3l 18s to 4l 12s
Sussex	3l 10s to 3l 16s	Sussex	3l 18s to 4l 8s
Essex.....	3l 10s to 3l 16s	Farnham	6l 0s to 7l 0s

Price of TALLOW.

Town Tallow.....	73s Od to 75s Od
Russia do. candle.....	71s Od to 73s Od
Do. soap.....	68s 6d to 69s Od
Melting Stuff.....	58s Od to 59s Od
Ditto rough.....	00s Od to 41s Od
Graves.....	00s Od to 14s Od
Good Dregs.....	00s Od to 11s Od
Yellow Soap 82s. Od.—Mottled 90s. Od.—Card 94s. Od.	
Price of Candles per doz. 11s. 6d.—Moulds 12s. 6d.	

Price of LEATHER at LEADENHALL.

Butts, 50l. to 56l. each.....	23d to 24d
Ditto, 60l. to 65l. each.....	25d to 26d
Merchants' Backs.....	22d to 23d
Dressing Hides.....	23d to 24d
Fine Coach Hides.....	24d to 25d
Crop Hides, for cutting.....	22½ to 23½d
Flat Ordinary.....	22d to 22½d
Calf Skins, 30 to 40lb. per dozen..	30d to 36d
Ditto, 50 to 70lb. per doz.....	30d to 35d
Ditto, 70 to 80lb.....	28d to 32d
Small Seals, Greenland, per lb.....	45d to 50d
Large ditto, per doz.....	100s to 150s
Goat Skins, per do.....	25s to 65s
Tanned Horse Hides.....	20s to 30s each.

A WOMAN KILLED AT FERRYSIDE.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE.

About 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, as a down special goods train was nearing Ferryside station, Alfred Redman, the driver, noticed a woman on the line quite in front of the train. He blew his whistle, but the train rushed past and tore her to pieces. She was Ann Elizabeth Evans, living in Springfield-road, Carmarthen and was staying with her little daughter at the seaside. It appears that she had buried her mother some months ago, and had been in low spirits for some time. The driver of the train states that he noticed her deliberately laying self down on the rails. Until the inquest takes place it is not known whether it was an accident or a suicide.

(The Cardiff Times 14th September 1878)

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QUARANTINE FOR VESSELS.

An Order in Council has been issued, dated March 22nd, imposing quarantine on vessels coming to the United Kingdom or

the Channel Islands from the Baltic, Black Sea, Sea of Azoff, or Sea of Marmora. This is an order to prevent the introduction of the plague.

(The Aberystwyth Observer 29th March 1879)

BICYCLE RACE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH WALES.

On Tuesday a bicycle race for the one mile championship of South Wales, took place in the New Park, Llanelly. There were several thousand spectators present. Three men ran—Mercer, the long-distance champion of South Wales George Edmonds, Pontardulais and James Auckland. Edmonds secured the inside, Auckland the middle, and Mercer the outside courses. They went off together, Edmonds leading, followed by Auckland. Mercer soon passed Auckland, but failed to reach Edmonds, who came in winner by about twenty yards.

(The Aberystwyth Observer 29th March 1879)

ALLEGED INDECENT ASSAULT NEAR FERRYSIDE.

At the Carmarthen county petty-sessions, on Saturday, David Rees, of Llansaint, near Ferryside, was charged under remand with indecently assaulting Eliza Roberts, a young girl in his service. The case was dismissed. Mr W. M. Griffiths, solicitor, defended.

(South Wales Daily News 5th May 1879)

LLANELLY.

OPENING OF LIBANUS CHAPEL, PWLL.—

On Tuesday evening a sermon was delivered by the Rev. D. Bloomfield James, of Walter's-road Chapel, Swansea. The audience was large.

(Cardiff Times 28th June 1879)

LLANGENNECH TIN WORKS.

This large concern, which has been idle for some time, has changed hands, and will re-start very shortly

(The Cardiff Times July 12, 1879)

POLICE INTELLIGENCE

**AT KIDWELLY PETTY
SESSIONS, on Monday, Thomas**

Gower, a labourer, was charged with fishing upon lands held in the exclusive right of Captain H. P. Chamberlain from Earl Cawdor. Defendant was found by Captain Chamberlain fishing in a place known as Danyrallt, through which the river Gwendraeth runs. When prosecutor told him he would be summoned he responded "Yon are quite welcome." Defendant was fined 10s. including costs. David James Poyer, a farmer's son, residing at Rocksalt, Pembrey was fined 10s including costs for driving in Bridge Street, Kidwelly. — A similar charge against Arthur Evans, a seaman, of Llanelly, was adjourned, as the bench were not satisfied that the summons had come under his notice.

(Western Mail 13th August 1879)

FERRYSIDE.

A STURGEON. — On Wednesday Mr David Williams, Penyback, St. Ishmael's, caught a fine sturgeon, 6 feet 6 inches in length, 2 feet 5 inches in circumference, and weighing 115 lbs. This is the second sturgeon caught here this season.

(The Cardiff Times 23rd August 1879)

LLANELLY.
DAMAGE DONE TO
PROPERTY.—On Tuesday morning, about half-past two o'clock, during a heavy thunderstorm, the chimney of the house occupied by Mr Thomas Jones, saddler, Thomas-street, was knocked down by a "thunderbolt."

Considerable damage was done to the roofs of the back kitchen, and a strong mahogany table was smashed into pieces.

DEATH OF THE WIFE OF THE REV. RICHARD EVANS, GOUNFIELD CHAPEL.—We have to record the death of the wife of th* Rev. Richard, Evans, Baptist minister, Greenfield Chapel, Llanelly. The deceased had gone on a visit to Burnley, Lancashire. She, however, felt no benefit from the change, and on Sunday she breathed her last.

A CONCERT was given recently at Capel Newydd, when the following artistes took part in the programme:— Miss M. Bowen, Miss Guest, Mr R. C. Jenkins, R.A.M.. Mr Charles Davies, R.A.M.. Mr David Thomas (Llew), assisted by an excellent glee party. The proceeds were devoted to the building fund of the Furnace New Chapel.

(South Wales Daily News 28th August 1879)

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A LLANELLY TRADESMAN.
A tradesman at Llanelly was taken into custody on Saturday night, charged with setting his premises on fire. He will be brought before the magistrates this day (Monday).

(South Wales Daily News 1st September 1879)

LLANSAINT.
THE ANNIVERSARY of the Independent Chapel was held on Sunday, when the Rev. J. M. Gibbon, Trellech, and the Rev. T. P. Evans, New Quay, preached. On Monday night the Rev, Mr Evans lectured on "Being a Man".

(The Cardiff Times 25th October 1879)

OLD LODGE IRONWORKS, LLANELLY.
These Works will be put up for auction next month; the necessary repairs are now being done. It is rumoured that the works will be purchased by Mr John Jones Jenkins and his partners, and be worked in connection with the Marshfield Tinworks, Llanelly.

(South Wales Daily News 30th October 1879)

MARSHFIELD WORKS, LLANELLY.
There were two mills started at the Marshfield Works on Monday. The works will be known by the name of the Western Tinplate Company (Limited).

(South Wales Daily News 2nd December 1879)

IMPROVEMENTS AT LOCAL WORKS.

Messrs Dyne Steel and Co., of Newport (Mon.), have been instructed by the Dowlais Iron Company to construct extensive roofs for the new steel works at Dowlais these roofs will cover upwards of 30,000 feet, and are of considerable magnitude. The Davis Navigation Company, Mardy Colliery, and Penrhiewceiber Colliery, have arranged to erect roofs over the pit heads of those collieries, and all of these have been entrusted to Messrs Dyne Steel and Co. Messrs Steel and Co. are also erecting roofs at the Llangennech Tin-plate Works, Llanelly, and for the Penarth Ship-building Company. They have recently completed large roofs for the Panteg Steel Company. The above facts show the revival of trade in the district is no myth.

(South Wales Daily News 16th December 1879)

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