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SCOTCH COUNTIES.

Edinburgh.

Elizabeth Smith has been sentenced at Edinburgh to four months for stealing books. Founders' day was celebrated at Petes College on the 1st inst. with the usual spirit of festivity.

William MacLachlan, wasson, Edinburgh, has been sentenced to five days for neglecting his children.

Peter Forbes, an incorrigible lad living in Edinburgh, has been convicted and sent to a reformatory for theft.

Peter Mackenzie has been found dead in a house in Bells Wynd, Edinburgh, supposed to be from an overdose of laudanum.

Thomas Gilhooly, West Bow, Edinburgh, was sentenced to fourteen days on the 3rd inst. for stealing tweed cloth from B. Hyam, tailor.

The Rev. John Edgar, M.A., Edinburgh, has been unanimously elected assistant to the Rev. Mr. Sharp, parish of Inveresk, Musselburgh.

During a severe thunderstorm on the 2nd inst., a house in Craiglea Drive, Morningside, was struck by lightning and a chimney entirely destroyed.

Mr. James Young, railway contractor, has been presented with a silver salver and tea and coffee service and a gold bracelet with forty-six pearls for his bride.

A marriage has been arranged between Col. Wanchope, C.B., C.M.G., of Niddrie, and Miss Muir, daughter of Sir William Muir, principal of Edinburgh University.

Mr. Robert Cranston, of the firm of Cranston & Elliot, was presented on the 1st inst., with a silver and onyx floor lamp by the employees on the occasion of his silver wedding.

On the 1st inst. in the Stenhouse Inn, Liverpool, Mr. James King, V.S., was presented with a gold watch and Mrs. King with a gold brooch on the occasion of their departure for Manchester.

On the 4th inst. Mr. Francis Erskine was entertained to dinner by a number of friends on the eve of his marriage and his departure to assume the management of the Gresham Life Assurance Co., in South Africa.

James Gibson and James Beattie, two young men residing in Edinburgh, have been fined heavily for entering the house of a woman in Leith Street and assaulting Jane Johnstone by throwing or pushing her over a window.

A meeting of Edinburgh and District United Trade Council was held on the 4th inst. to condemn the method of obtaining money from the school-children by coercion for the fund to provide a present for the Princess May.

Glasgow.

Lord Roberts has written accepting the offer of the freedom of Glasgow.

Edward Torsion, aged 12, was on the 3rd inst. drowned in a quarry at Craigton while bathing.

The Coltness Iron Co. have decided to open an ironstone pit at Hallcraig, near Carlisle. Catherine Fraser, wife of a slater in Glasgow, stumbled and fell in the house and the fall broke her neck.

On the 1st inst. a stoker named Martin was found lying on the North British Railway near Caldercruix station seriously injured.

Owing to the number of females convicted at the various Glasgow police court being so high lately, two vans have been removed to Edinburgh.

The magistrates of Glasgow have issued their annual ukase for the muzzling of dogs in the city from the present time till the end of September.

Motherwell, in which no new license for the sale of liquor has been granted for some years, is now having several of its hotels reduced to the status of public houses. Wm. Henderson, rivetter, and Alex. Henderson, holder-on, were remitted on a charge of assault on Geo. Campbell, caulker, on the night of the 1st inst. Campbell has since died.

Argyleshire.

The Breadalbane Angling Club held their fifth annual competition on Loch Tay on the 8th inst.

The SS. Invenmore called at Tiree on the 8th inst., and shipped over nine tons of fish for Glasgow.

The children of the Muckairn parish church Sabbath school, had a most enjoyable trip to Lochetivehead, recently.

Alex. Mitchell, son of Duncan Mitchell, gardener, was drowned on the 8th inst. at Clynder, aged fourteen years.

Mrs. Campbell of Inverawe, on the 7th inst. treated the children attending the Taynult public school to a picnic.

Mr. Bryce Allan, of Aros, has successfully passed his matriculation examination for entrance to St. John's College, Oxford.

The annual meeting of the Tolermory Penny Savings Bank, was held on the 11th inst. The funds in hand amount to £426, 14s. 4d.

Under the management of the new lessee, Mr. D. MacCall, the Ford Hotel has been undergoing extensive alterations for the last six weeks.

Mr. Hugh MacPhee, of the Isle of Ormsay, general stores, has just died at the age of forty-two years. He leaves a widow and six of a family.

Mr. D. H. Macfarlane, M.P., has presented the Strachur and St. Catharines Free Library with twenty-five volumes of Scott's works, neatly bound.

Mr. D. Livingstone, National Bank, Fort William, was presented with a purse of sovereigns on his leaving to fill a more responsible position in Glasgow.

Recently the employees of the Lagavulin Distillery presented Mr. Donald McQueen, cooper with a purse of sovereigns on his leaving to take up farming in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mackie, Lagavulin, Islay, celebrated the royal wedding day by giving an *ad hoc* tea party and dance to which everyone in the village was invited.

Leamingshire.

John Daley and Thos. Kerr have been sentenced to pay 20s. or fourteen days for stealing strawberries.

A fire broke out in the No. 2 pit, Earnock Colliery, at Hamilton, but was extinguished before any damage was done.

On the 3rd inst. Jas. Byers, a porter at Abington Station on the Caledonian Railway, was struck by a train and instantly killed.

J. Craig, Paisley, a passenger on the Dromedary, plying between Ardrossan and Belfast, was lost off the vessel during its passage on the 1st inst.

The Rev. Mr. McLuckie, of Newton Established Church, preached in the Cambuslang parish church in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Houston on the 9th inst.

Sutherlandshire.

George, Marquis of Stafford, and Lord Alastair Gower, the young sons of the Duke of Sutherland, have been at Dunrobin Castle for some time. The Duke and Duchess will arrive later and very quietly. In deference to their wishes the public reception has been abandoned.

Cathness-shire.

The salmon fishing has been very successful at Berridale lately.

Extensive improvements on Langwell House are now in course of completion.

Mr. Beaumont and family have arrived at Banks Lodge, Watten, which Mr. Beaumont has on lease.

Favourable reports come from the Cathness and Sutherland moors. The birds are more numerous than for many years.

A large number of the members of the Good Templar Lodge drove to Strathhallsdale on the 3rd inst. and had a most enjoyable day.

A nurse from the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute has been appointed for Wick and Pultenytown and will enter on her duties in August.

Mrs. Geo. Gunn, L.L.A., Wick, has been selected to attend a course of lectures in Geology, Agriculture and Chemistry at the University, Edinburgh.

A special meeting of the Burgh Commissioners was held on the 8th inst. to consider a report on the Thurso water supply made by Mr. Manners, C.E., Inverness.

In the Court of Session Mrs. Catherine Swanson, or Sharp, widow sued Wm. Sinclair, farmer, Shorelands, Wick, for £450 damages for breach of promise and seduction.

The Free Presbytery of Cathness passed a motion of sympathy with the Presbyterian Church and other Protestants of Ireland in view of the Government of Ireland Bill.

A most successful picnic was given by the Edinburgh John o' Groat Benevolent Ass'n on the 8th inst. at Raith Grounds, near Kirkcaldy, the seat of Mr. Munro-Ferguson, of Novar.

Mrs. Somerville of Wakefield, Thurso, has presented the Thurso Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club with a silver handled sporting knife and a lady's and gentleman's watch to be competed for.

Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Horn, of Strikoke, the pupils attending the Bilbster and Tannach schools enjoyed a most successful picnic on the grounds adjoining Strikoke House on the royal wedding day. Three cheers were given for the royal bride and bridegroom.

Inverness-shire.

The memorial to the Cameron Highlanders who fell in Egypt was erected in the Station Square, Inverness, on the 8th inst.

The members of the constitutional party held a meeting in the new Free North Church, Inverness, on the 3rd inst. at which the Rev. Dr. Aird presided.

At Lochmaddy, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., Donald McLeod, John McLeod, Alex. McKillop, and Alex. McDonald, cottars from Bernera, were sentenced to sixty days each for mobbing and rioting.

The sporting estate of Knoydart in the parish of Glenelg, Inverness, extending to about 67,600 acres was sold by public auction at the upset price of £100,000, to Mr. Edward Salin Bowlby, Galston Park, Harlow.

The Highland Railway Co. have just had constructed ten passenger coaches of an improved description. Each carriage is seated for fifty-six passengers, measures forty-six feet in length, and out of six compartments four have lavatories.

On the 1st inst. the east wing of the Aber-tariff mansions, Inverness, occupied by Mr. Phillips as a private hotel was destroyed by fire. Aber-tariff is the old town house of Mr. Fraser, who claimed to be a direct descendant of Simon, Lord Lovat. The damage is estimated at £1000.

Linlithgowshire.

The total drawings for the three days at the bazaar held in Linlithgow Palace in aid of the fund for the restoration of St. Michael's church amount to about £1,600.

Linlithgow Presbytery, on the 12th inst., had under consideration the call of the Rev. Mr. Ross, Polmont, from St. Mary's, Partick, and agreed to release him from his present charge.

Clackmannan and Kinross.

A fatal case of what appeared to be British cholera occurred at Alloa on the 2nd inst.

At Alloa Sheriff Court, a youth hailing from Stirlingshire was fined £1 and 23s. expenses for riding a bicycle on a footpath between Tillicoultry and Dollar.