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Newcastle Societies.

MEET AS FOLLOWS—

NORTHUMBERLAND LODGE No. 17 A. F. & A. M., in the Lodge rooms on the evening of the second Tuesday of each month at 7 o'clock.

NEWCASTLE DIVISION No. 45 S. T. in the Temperance Hall every Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

COURT MIRMACHI No. 165 I. O. F., in their rooms, Masonic Hall, on the evening of the fourth Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock.

NEWCASTLE BOARD OF TRADE, in their rooms in the Commercial building on the evening of the first Monday of each month at 8 o'clock.

ANCIENT ORDER OF UNITED WORKMEN, Mirmachi Lodge No. 11, in its Lodge room on public wharf on the first Tuesday in each month at 7.30 p. m.

"NO SCREEDER" L. O. L. No. 47 in their lodge room on the first Friday of each month at 8 o'clock.

DERBY. COURT HAPPY RETREAT No. 150 I. O. F., in Foresters' Hall, Derby, on the evening of the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30 o'clock.

The Liberal Convention.

The Liberal Convention was held in Chatham on Monday afternoon and resulted in the nomination of Mr. Peter Mitchell as the candidate to run in the liberal interest at the coming election.

They had to make the best they could of the situation, but they were not to be deterred by the opposition, and the nomination of Mr. Mitchell was a triumph for the liberal cause.

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That Convention.

We can heartily sympathize with Mr. Smith, of the Advance, in his disappointment at being ruled out of the convention recently held in Chatham; it was, in view of those who were present, a hard nut to crack, and the principles of a temperance reformer and advocate were so well known that under no consideration could he be admitted. We do not wonder in the least that he shows his spleen through his pen, and that he ridicules those present who were there from proper motives, motives against which Mr. Smith had always done his little best to prevent being carried out, while professing to be so temperate and good. What a dreadful pity it is that he cannot be taken at his own valuation of himself as then he might be elected to the high office he aspires to, but which with all the wire pulling he is capable of does not succeed, and hence he is down on those who are elected to such positions without canvassing therefor but against their own wishes. His reference to Mr. Snowball, (we should say the hon. perhaps,) and his proposal of a senatorship by deserting his party and helping elect the government candidate at the last election, said also including what little influence the Advance might suppose to possess, is particularly unfortunate at the present time, as it appears the sale was only for his influence in the pending election, and now his name is only waiting in hope of another bid for the government by his influence and support at the approaching election.

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Personal.

The UNION ADVOCATE invites all its readers to contribute to the items under the head of "personal." If you or your friends are going away on a holiday trip, or if you have friends visiting you drop a card or a line to this office.

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Boston Letter.

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A bill for the suppression of Sunday closing passed through the Legislature today. The spirit of the "articles" and the other day "during the investigation of Sunday concerns it was proved that the performances in certain places were horridly, unparliamentarily, unparliamentarily and more too. Now if this is true of these shows on Sunday evenings, is it not true of them on other evenings? And if so why not close the theatres on the other evenings of the week. Why should a show of the kind be claimed there were allowed at any time? The late Cain Whitney, who was known in his day as the leading Zel-grounder, was wont to remark that "these Yankees were great fellows," and so they are.

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