

TODAY'S NEWS

Have I got old news for you?

Snippets of News from 1865

1865

EXTENSION OF TRADE. - Mr Crawford, woollen manufacturer, Calder Glen, is in **progress** with a large additional building for the manufacture of wool, which will be of advantage to the town. The large cotton mill is still **idle**, and there has thus been a want of employment, which the projected works will help to remedy.

1865

Lochwinnoch **HAIL SHOWER.** -On Monday evening, at 7 o'clock, a heavy shower of hail fell along the high grounds of this parish. The **stones** were of **great size**, and had the ryegrass hay not been harvested, farmers would have sustained a serious **loss** from the shedding of the seed.

1865

Fatal Accident.

Last Friday afternoon, a surfaceman, named **Archibald McLean**, aged 47, whose house is in High Street, Lochwinnoch, was killed by an engine on the down line of rails, about a quarter of a mile from Lochwinnoch Station.

07/01/1865 **Charity from Australia**

Seasonable Charity.—A few days ago, Robert Smith, Esq., Melbourne, son of the Rev, Dr. Smith, Free Church minister of Lochwinnoch, sent £100 to distributed to the poor of his native parish, without regard to any religious denomination. This is noble and generous, and worthy of imitation. Frequent donations of a similar kind have been sent by this Christian gentleman.

28/01/1865 **Curling - Grand Provincial Match**

This match comes off today (Saturday), and those who wish to enjoy a treat, and see one of the finest lochs in Scotland in winter garb, can go by the Glasgow and South-Western Railway to Lochwinnoch at very moderate return fares, and where skaters from all parts are to be seen on the ice. Should the frost continue, a gathering of about 300 curlers will convene at twelve noon to compete for the honours awarded by the Royal Club to their 12th province. Should the day prove fine the turnout of spectators is expected to be numerous. There is ample room for skaters on this large sheet of water, and the proprietor, J. O. L. Harvey, esquire, is glad to see the citizens of our large towns enjoy themselves on the loch.

28/01/1865 **Death of Rev. Dr. Robert Smith**

Dr Smith was ordained by the Presbytery of Paisley and Greenock as minister of the parish of Lochwinnoch, on Thursday, March 2, 1815,

1865

The Lochwinnoch **Public Library** for some years past has been in a state of **insufficiency** for want of public support. A number of energetic and **public spirited** of the village convened, formed a committee, deliberated on what means might be adopted to revive the library, and render it available for the **social, moral,** and **intellectual** improvement of the community.

1865

A soiree in connection with the Free Church Sabbath Schools, was held on Tuesday evening last. The **attendance** was considerable - there being at least **300** young persons present, beside a large number of friends interested in the sabbath schools, or **attracted** by the entertainment promised in the published program of the soiree.

1865

A farm servant from Lochwinnoch reported at the **Police Office** that, on the previous evening, while sauntering along the street, he had met a smart **young damsel**, who had introduced herself to him as a servant out of place, and with the view of feeing* her he had gone with her into a public-house, but could not come to terms with her, and they parted. He very soon afterwards discovered he was **minus** his **watch**, and not having been able to find the young woman again, he was obliged to call in the aid of the police.

within a few weeks of fifty years ago.



20/05/1865 Police Station House and Hall.

The Commissioner of Supply for the county of Renfrew have just completed contracts for the erection of a station house for the county police with a hall over the same. Mr Lamb, of Paisley, is architect. We understand the building will be commenced immediately. The site selected is on the east side of Church Street.

26/08/1865 Monster Boiler

On Monday forenoon there was quite a sensation created round here by the approach of one of the largest boilers which has ever been brought into Lochwinnoch. The boiler—which was drawn by 18 or 20 of Wordie and Co,'s powerful horses—measured not less than 30 feet in length, 8 feet in diameter, with two large internal furnaces, having Galloway's patent water tubes in ditto, and a large steam dome top. The boiler is for the new flax mill of the Messrs. Crawford Brothers. The entire village was nearly turned out during the removal of the boiler from the carriage, which we are glad to say, was safely brought to terra firma.

*make a payment to (someone) in return for services.