

TODAY'S NEWS

Have I got old news for you?

ANDREW CRAWFURD OF LOCHWINNOCH

Author of *Cairn of Lochwinnoch matters. 1827-1837.*

Family Histories and Genealogies etc

1811 Death

Lately at Middleton, in the Parish of Lochwinnoch, **James Campbell Esq.** By the most **unwearied** industry, and most **sordid** habits, he had, in the course of a lifetime, raised himself from the humble station of a **ditcher**, to the possession of upwards of **£20,000**, which, at his death, devolved upon about 20 poor persons, very distantly related to him.

1816 Death

At Lochwinnoch, **John Riddle**, Labourer. He knew nothing of his age but that he was nine nights old at the windy Saturday. In his earlier years he was a man of extraordinary **bodily strength**, and performed many rustic feats of wrestling and pugilism worthy of more **classic times**. He wore a bonnet of unparalleled magnitude, the **elevated or slouching** attitude of which was thought by the youth of the neighbourhood to prognosticate good or bad weather.

1990 Bowling

Thurso's triple, skipped by Ann Sinclair, lost to **Helen Wylie's** Lochwinnoch **triple** in the Scottish Women's Bowling **Championship** at Ayr.

We regret to announce, in our obituary of this day, the death of Andrew Crawford, St John's Hill, Lochwinnoch. The doctor was born in 1787, and had, consequently, at the time of his death on the 27th instant, reached the 68th year of his age. He was a distinguished student of the Glasgow University, where he graduated as an M.D. in 1813 and, under the especial patronage of his then class-fellow, the late Marquis of Bute, commenced his professional career at Rothesay. He practised there for a few years with marked success but, on the establishment of the Dollar Institution, he was induced to become a candidate for the Chair of Natural Philosophy in that institution. He was the successful candidate. When the intelligence of his appointment reached him, however, the doctor unfortunately had a paralytic attack, from which he ultimately recovered, but with the partial loss of his speech and power of his right side. In these circumstances he resigned the chair at Dollar. He also at the same time relinquished his medical practice at Rothesay, and retired to the place of his



1889

Parish Church Restoration: The work has now been completed to the satisfaction of the heritors, and Mr. Davidson, their architect. The difficult work of rebuilding the **spire** was carried out by Mr. James Barclay, of Paisley. The Slater work was were executed by J&M Eadie & Sons, Lochwinnoch. The present Minister is evidently much respected amongst the people for the **church is well filled.**

1885

A Silo 20 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 12 feet deep, filled in **August** [1884] last with newly-cut hay and grass, was successfully **opened** at Heathfield, on the estate of Mr. Muirshiel, Lochwinnoch, on Saturday. [**February** 1885] The stock **ate** the silage greedily. A number of leading agriculturists witnessed the formal opening.

1935

Sale at short notice at **Garthland House**, Lochwinnoch. **Antique** and **Modern Household Furniture** and Appointments.

Set of 8 Hepplewhite Shield back armchairs, white enamelled and handprinted, with floral design backs and seats covered in striped floral wool tapestry. **Rare** old English two-door lacquered cabinet, 3ft 4in. wide. Profusely decorated with hand-painted baskets of flowers and interior fitted with 11 drawers on dark oak stand with cabriole legs on claw and ball feet.

[Just a few of a **long** list of furnishings. Editor: pbthecairn]

birth (St John's Hill, Lochwinnoch) where he applied himself to literary pursuits.

Among other works, he wrote a voluminous supplement to Dr. Jamieson's Scottish Dictionary, which has within the last two years been purchased by the Messrs Blackie and Sons with a view to publication. He assisted Mr Paterson in his "Families of Ayrshire." He also, at the solicitation the publishers wrote the glossary to the last edition of our humorous friend the "Laird of Logan," besides contributing largely, in the shape of anecdote, to the work itself. And, in particular, gives us pleasure to know that had just completed a most voluminous work, extending to no less than 44 quarto M.S. volumes, all relating to historical and antiquarian matters connected with his native county. In these volumes will be found many curious and valuable notices regarding most the leading families of Ayrshire, Renfrewshire etc.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 1904

Mr McDowell was in the chair. The minutes of previous meetings were read, confirmed and signed by the chairman. Several parents were present to show cause why their children did not attend School. Following the usual promises they were duly admonished and allowed to go. The following offers were accepted in connection with the new high school; Messers Bennett Ltd Glasgow - furnishings; Mr John Guy, Lochwinnoch - painting and decorating work; Messers W. T. Samson, Kilmarnock - for laying of grounds and providing shrubs. It was agreed to produce a gong for the hall. A long discussion took place about the fixing of a brass plate on the school, giving the names of the Board members and other officials responsible for the election of the school, date of opening, etc.

The salaries for teachers in connection with continuation of classes were fixed. Mr R Logan £65, Miss Johnstone £35, Miss Campbell £10, Mr J. D. McGee £4, Dr Martin £3.