

TODAY'S NEWS

Have I got old news for you?

1889

The Lochwinnoch **Liberal Association and Club** are negotiating for the purchase of ground upon which to erect new and more commodious club-rooms. It is a hopeful indication of the healthiness of Liberalism in the village.

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Parish Council: "Considering there is a **felt want** in Lochwinnoch of a **park** for recreation purposes, a **committee** be appointed to inquire whether a suitable field can be obtained, and on what terms, the committee to report to an **early** meeting of Council.

..... **and 8 years later**

1897

It was **stated** in the "Gazette" few months back that Mr. George Ludovic Houston had intimated to the Lochwinnoch Parish Council his intention of presenting a **portion of a field** in the west-end of the village as a **public park** for the villagers.

The New Water Supply 1891



The new works which have been constructed to supply the village of Lochwinnoch with gravitational water were formally opened on Thursday. The following is a description the works now completed :—The reservoir, which has capacity between seven and eight million gallons, is situated on the Maich water on the Lady-land estate of Mr. R. W. Cochran Patrick, and about two miles to the south-west of Lochwinnoch. In order to prevent floods from entering the reservoir, a by-pass channel for the Maich has been constructed. By this means only the purer water will be admitted to the reservoir. The arrangements at the reservoir are most complete. The storage is ample, and will prevent scarcity even in the driest of seasons, being equal to 125 days supply. The main pipe from the reservoir is six inches in diameter. A short distance from the reservoir are situated the filter and tank. The filters are in two divisions, each capable of filtering 20,000 gallons per day, while the tank has capacity of about 20,000 gallons. Space has been reserved for the addition of other filters and second tank if

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The Cabinetmakers' Dispute.—

On Saturday, at noon, all the cabinetmakers and others connected with the trade in the town struck work because of the employers' unfavourable reply to the demands of the circular issued by the men some weeks ago. By the evening it was intimated that nearly all the masters had conceded the terms asked, and on Monday all of them had given in. On that forenoon the men took a holiday, and, headed by an instrumental band, **proceeded to Lochwinnoch**, when the cabinetmakers there also **struck work on being interviewed by those from Beith**. The masters, on being approached, agreed to the terms of the men, and the dispute thus ended satisfactorily.

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FUNERAL of SIR CHARLES FARQUHAR SHAND.

On Thursday, the remains of Sir Charles Farquhar Shand were laid to rest in the Old College at Castlesemp, the burying place of the Harvey family. The late Sir Charles was father to Mr. J. W. Shand-Harvey, the present proprietor, whose mother, Sir Charles's wife, was a sister of the late Henry Lee Harvey.

required. Here also the arrangements are most complete, admitting of the independent working of either filters or tank to supply to the town in connection with the reservoir, or the supply may be drawn direct from the reservoir without passing through either filters or tank.



From the tank a 4 inch main pipe is led to the town, and on the route a pressure relief chamber has been introduced. In Lochwinnoch the main pipes range from 4 to 2.5 inches in diameter. Altogether there are about four miles of piping. Street wells have been fitted up at the most convenient places, and numerous fireplugs have been put in along the various mains. Stop and scour valves have been provided at all necessary points, and the whole works have been designed so as to furnish a complete scheme for the water supply of Lochwinnoch. The works have been carried out by the Western District Committee of the Renfrew Council, and are the first of the kind which have been undertaken by that body. A rate of 2s 6d. per £ will be levied on the water supply district, and any deficiency that may arise—and it is expected there will be a small annual deficiency for the present at any rate—will have to be made good by the western district of the county. It is believed, however, by the more sanguine, that the introduction of the water supply will of itself give such an impetus to the sleepy village of Lochwinnoch that in a short time the local assessment will be sufficient to meet the annual outlay.