

TODAY'S NEWS

Have I got old news for you?

1879

Alexander Steel, a bricklayer, residing in Lochwinnoch, was charged with the crime of **theft by housebreaking**, he having on various dates from a house in course of erection at Hillside Lochwinnoch, stolen four candles, 🙄 sorry, four trowels. Steel pleaded guilty and having previous convictions was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment.

1859

A piece of **ground** has been set aside by Mr Buchanan of the Calderhaugh Cotton Mill, as a **bowling green** for the workmen in his employment.

1893

Measles Epidemic

About **50 cases** of measles have been notified as having occurred at **Lochwinnoch**. The sanitary authorities believe the outbreak can be traced to one person - a member of a family which came from **Glasgow** some time ago.

The sanitary authorities **spotted** the person a mile away. 🙄 Ha Ha [Sorry, I'll stop - editor]

Affray at Cross 1814

Last night an affair took place here, in Lochwinnoch, which had nearly proved serious. A few days ago, some weaver lads, belonging to the town, and some Irishmen, employed by James Adam, Esq. of Barr, in draining Barr Loch, having differed, perpetual jarrings between them were since kept up; and they met at the Cross last night, between eight and nine o'clock, to the number of between three and 400, to decide the quarrel by combat. Both sides seems equally desirous for the fray, and alike confident of success. A little before 9 o'clock they engaged most furiously by pugilling, in which some science was exhibited by the weavers, scarcely to have been expected; from this, recourse was had to stones, sticks, and bludgeons, and it is more than probable, that most serious consequences would have resulted, had not the proper and timely interference of some of the most respectable inhabitants of the town dispersed the crowd and prevented further damage. A good deal of blood was shed, and it is reported, that one or two of the Irishmen have been seriously hurt; but it is hoped, not fatally.

It is much to be regretted, by the inhabitants of this good town and parish, that although they have three most commodious houses for religious worship they have neither a minister nor a Justice of the Peace in the place.

1893

Robert Weir, Cabinet Maker, Calder St. took **action against David Imrie**, farmer. The Pursuer alleged that the defender's **cattle** had broken down and come through the hedge, which is the mutual fence between the proprietors, and **destroyed** his flowers and vegetables, which he maintained were valuable for showing purposes. He estimated damage at £5 5s. The defender contended that he was not responsible for any damage done, as he was only the tenant of the grass field for the season, and under no obligation to maintain the fence. The sheriff sustained the defenders plea.

1884

At a recent meeting of the **Lochwinnoch Liberal Committee** they unanimously passed a resolution approving of the general home and foreign policy of the government, and especially desiring to see the **Franchise Bill** passed into law the session. The secretary, Mr. Robert Reid was instructed to forward notice to **Mr. Gladstone**.

Reply: 10, Downing Street, Whitehall, June 28, 1884. "Sir, I am directed by **Mr. Gladstone** to inform you that he has received the communication which you have done the honour to send him, and to convey to you his thanks for the expression of approval and confidence in Her Majesty's Government which it contains." I am etc. G. Leveson Gower.

Affray at the Risk 1840

On Sunday week, a violent affray took place at Risk, in the neighbourhood of Lochwinnoch by a mob of Irish railway labourers, to the number of 150 at least, most armed with stabs, &c.. having proceeded to the house of **Robert Clark**, farmer at Risk, attack some Highland labourers who resided there. The family were at worship when the mob arrived, and two Highlanders then in the house having made their escape, the mob broke the windows and doors of the house, at same time threatening vengeance against the Highlanders. Another house was likewise attacked, but the landlord having no Highlanders lodging with him, he allowed his house to be searched, and no further violence was done. As Clark quitted the house, a number of stones were thrown at him; but got to Lochwinnoch on horseback, and gave information to the authorities, when a large body of special constables went to Risk, but as they reached it the mob had dispersed. Twelve of the most active in the riot have been apprehended and lodged in Paisley jail.

Fears were entertained on Monday that a more serious riot would have occurred, as upwards of 300 Highlanders marched in a body through Lochwinnoch for the purpose of attacking the Irish, but the Irish having kept out of the way, they dispersed without any violence being done.