

DARWIN AT HOME: A CROSSY, SMUFF-ARING RECLUSE.

Memories of the Famous Scientist: Visitor Who Confirmed Him in His Ape Theory.

There is an old couple living on the outskirts of London who knew Darwin at the time when the famous scientist was engaged on his now well-known experiments on the evolution of man.

They are Mr and Mrs Henry Wheeler, of Roney Road, Lee, who were at one time employed by Darwin at his beautiful corner of Kent.

Down Hall, in a secluded vicarage, Mr Arthur Keith, the celebrated Aborigine professor, in confirming Darwin's theory, had brought the old couple into the limelight.

Dozens of strangers have called upon the old couple within the past few days, and there is little doubt that the Wheeler family, who have served Darwin for many years.

Mr Wheeler's memory of Darwin, in his "Sunday Post" retrospective, is to his extremely eccentric habits of manners, and his usually the most kind and friendly of men.

He was inclined to be irritable on occasions, but things were ruled by a strict routine, and he was never not to his liking he would indicate that he was sufficient to indicate that he was sufficient to indicate that he was sufficient.

Every morning he left his bed at six o'clock and took his breakfast. He walked along alone on physical exercise.

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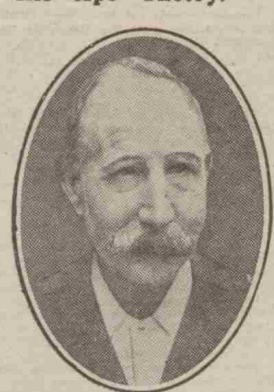
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MR HENRY WHEELER.

"The great man himself scarcely ever ventured outside the confines of his estate, but Mrs Darwin frequently paid visits to the village, of which her famous husband was the squire, and she was very kind indeed to some of the more needy villagers.

"There is just one more story about Darwin that amused all those who heard it. One day the great man was working in the woods at the job of collecting some plants for experimental purposes.

"Yes," Darwin replied, pointing towards his home, "over there." "He thinks we has originated from an ape, doesn't he?" was the next pertinent question.

The defence was that owing to the width of the street no obstruction was created. It was also argued that there were no notices in the town as to parking places.

Under the auspices of the Blantyre Committee of the National Dr Livingstone Memorial scheme, a band concert was given in the Blantyre Victoria football field this afternoon.

A Heather Day held in Cupar yesterday, on behalf of the Scottish Children's League of Pitty, realised £229. Grangemouth's contribution was £25.

FIRE SHOTGUN AT CYCLIST.

DREGHORN MINER WHO BLAZED AWAY.

The mad escapade of a Dreghorn miner, David Lindsay, residing in Main Street, resulted in his being sent to prison to-day for a period of six days at Ayr.

He was charged before Sheriff-Substitute Brown with having, on the public highway between Irvine and Dreghorn, discharged a shotgun loaded with pellets recklessly and in the direction of and to the danger of John Conway, a servant, and also at Stanscastle farm threatened to shoot Mary Hollas or Kerr, dairymaid.

The Fiscal stated that accused was drunk at the time, staggering about the public road swearing and going on like a maniac. The farm servant came along on a bicycle and accused blazed away at him with the gun.

Conway telephoned for the police, and on coming out of the telephone box he was again fired at by accused, who later entered the byre at the farm and threatened to shoot the dairymaid and all the cows.

Accused made the excuse that he was injured during the war, and when he took drink he did not know what he was doing.

The British Trades Union Congress opens in Edinburgh on Monday, when 600 delegates will be welcomed by Lord Provost Stevenson.

Tomorrow afternoon a congress service will be held in St Giles Cathedral. Mr George Hicks, president of the Congress, speaking at the conference of the National Labour Housing Association today, said if the present system of house-letting and the present policy of house-building continued the prevailing frightful problem would continue.

The Minister of Health had prided himself in the fact that 200,000 houses had been built in the past financial year. They wanted two million houses a year at least, added Mr Hicks. The present Government was only touching the fringe of the problem.

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Whether Bailie Campbell will take the responsibility or not will not be known till next week.

LIVELY BLANTYRE WEDDING GUESTS MEETING.

DEPUTATION REFUSED ADMISSION.

Blantyre, Saturday. "You are a lot of cowards!" was the illuminating epithet which was hurled at his colleagues by the Blantyre Parish Council meeting by Mr Robert Hutchison, bringing out some lively passages-at-arms between the Moderate and Labour members.

At the last meeting of the Council it was agreed that unemployed men receiving relief should do work on the public parks, the wages being fixed at 1s per hour. A letter was read from the Blantyre Miners' Area Committee objecting to the "task work" agreed upon by the Council, and intimating that a deputation which had been appointed at a protest meeting would be present.

The deputation consisted of two women and three men, two of the latter being well-known local Communists. Mr Loudon said that the protest meeting consisted of a lot of boys and irresponsibles, and they should take no notice of the deputation appointed at such a meeting.

Mr Edward Daly moved, and Mr R. Hutchison seconded, that the deputation be received. The former said he strongly resented the remarks made by Mr Loudon. By seven votes to four admittance of the deputation was refused, whereupon Mr Hutchison said, "You are a lot of cowards—all cowards!"

Mr Richardson (hotly)—I have never been called a coward in my life, and I will not be called one by you. Mr Hutchison—You are afraid to meet the deputation. Mr Richardson—I am not afraid to meet any deputation, but I am not going to sit here till midnight listening to a useless deputation dictating what we should or should not do.

The deputation outside were plainly in a dilemma. Two of the party were inclined to force an entrance. One of the labour members of the Council went into the lobby and counselled the deputation against any proposal to enter the chamber forcibly. The attorney by the deputation took their departure.

FALKIRK BOY INJURED BY DETONATOR.

Falkirk, Saturday. An alarming mishap to a boy was reported by Falkirk police to-day, found lying on the road near the Co-Operative Store at Reddingmuirhead last night, and the boy, John Logan, who resides at North Row, Shieldhill, picked up one of the detonators, placed it on a wall, and then struck it with a hammer, causing a small explosion.

He had a marvellous escape from serious injury. Medical examination showed that he had sustained wounds on the knees, hands, chest, and face. He was afterwards removed home.

TOURISTS' ESCAPE AT CAMBUSLANG.

Cambslang, Saturday. Two London visitors who were touring Scotland on a motor cycle had narrow escapes from death when their machine collided with a motor vehicle in Main Street, Cambuslang.

When nearing the top of Silverbanks Brae, the cyclist, Harry A. Brading, of London, failed to see a motor car turning into Main Street from Ardoch Grove, and crashed into the side of the vehicle.

Both Mr Brading and his wife, who was riding pillion, were thrown to the ground, while the machine was badly damaged. On being removed to the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, Mr Brading was found to be suffering from a severe fracture of the knee, and was detained for treatment, while Mrs Brading was allowed to go to her hotel after being treated for bruises.

COUNCIL WHICH MET IN BEDROOM.

Roths, Saturday. At a cake and wine banquet last night Provost Cumming formally declared open the town's new Municipal Chambers, on which a sum of £1400 has been spent.

SEVEN INJURED IN KINROSS MISHAP.

Kinross, Saturday. Six members of a wedding party were involved in a motor accident which occurred shortly before midnight last night near Kinross.

Though the festivities were going on the six guests had gone out and were walking in couples—a motor-cyclist, Archibald Ferguson, Lochore, collided with them from behind.

Ben Anderson, Kinross, and Miss Hall, Carnbo, sustained fractured legs, and were conveyed to Perth Infirmary, while Miss Crawford, a sister of the bride, was also seriously injured.

The other three of the party were knocked down and received more or less serious injuries. Ferguson sustained a fracture of the skull and is not expected to recover. This is the second accident which has occurred in the district within a short period.

The other smash was a fatal one, a Dundee man, Mr Geo. Mitchell, traveller of 320 Perth Road, losing his life, and Mr John Sinclair, of Sunnyside Perth, being injured in a car which turned a complete somersault on the Great North Road, near Cowdenbeath.

BICYCLE BELL AS AID TO BETTING.

Dumfries, Saturday. A bookmaker was sentenced at the Dumfries Police Court to-day.

He was James Lockebrie, grocer, 23 Swan Vennel, Dumfries, and he pleaded guilty for having loitered in St Michael Street for the purpose of betting and receiving bets.

It was stated that on several occasions the accused was seen to ring the bell of a bicycle, which was standing outside a public-house door, in answer to which a man came out of the public-house and they both went into a nearby close.

On a particular date accused was seen taking betting lines, and when the police went forward he threw the lines on the ground. He was taken into custody, and in his pockets were found £5 10s in silver, 15 books of football coupons, and 12 betting lines.

Provost O'Brien imposed a fine of £5, and ordered the forfeiture of the books, cards, &c., relating to betting.

GLASGOW MINISTER'S CALL TO BRUSSELS.

Glasgow, Saturday. The Rev. John McFarlane, minister of Pollokfields Parish Church, has received an appointment in connection with the Scots Church in Brussels, and at the morning service to-morrow he will intimate the resignation of his charge.

Mr McFarlane, before coming to Pollokfields, was minister of Aberdalgie, near Perth.

YESTERDAY'S FLOWER SHOWS.

Bothwell.—Allotment Cup—John McCart, Woodlands. Cup—John Downie.

CAN YOU TELL—?

- 1.—Whose picture is this? 2.—What is the name of the decoration made of small squares of stone or glass set in cement? 3.—In what play of Shakespeare's, and to whom was addressed the warning, "Beware the Ides of March"? 4.—What is an anti-cyclone? 5.—Where was the first public library founded? 6.—What fish can swim the fastest?



GREENOCK'S NEXT PROVOST.

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BATHGATE MAN KILLED IN AUSTRALIA.

Bathgate, Saturday. Mrs Sherriff, Cochrane Street, Bathgate, has been notified by cablegram that her son William, a slater and plasterer, has been killed in Australia while following his occupation.

DALMELLINGTON MAN FATALLY INJURED.

Dalmellington, Saturday. George McGill (54), Sillibhoy Cottage, Dalmellington, screening plant attendant at pits 1 and 2 Pennyvennie, was dragged into the machinery and so severely injured that he died in Ayr County Hospital a few hours after admittance.

£24,000 FOR CULROSS MINERS' HOME.

Dunfermline, Saturday Night. The Fife District Committee of the Miners' Welfare Fund have made the handsome contribution of £24,000 for the partial endowment of the Charles Carlou Convalescent Home for the miners of Fife, Culross, and Clackmannan at Blair Castle, Culross.

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WOMAN UNCONSCIOUS IN DUNDEE SHOP.

Dundee, Saturday Night. Mary Hall (69), confectioner, 25 Hawkhill, was found to-night lying unconscious in her back shop.