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4 Jan 1908	5	<p style="text-align: center;">GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK AND WEST DERBYSHIRE</p> <p>In the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, the interment took place on Monday at Tansley Churchyard of Mr. Alfred Brailsford, of Rose Mount, Matlock. Mr Brailsford, who was 48 years of age, died on Thursday last week after an illness of three weeks' duration. A native of Wirksworth, he was well-known throughout the countryside as a poultry dealer. He leaves a widow and one son. The coffin was carried by four nephews, Messrs. Alfred Weston, J. Harrison, J. Brailsford, and Wm. Brailsford, all of Wirksworth, and the service was conducted by the Rev. J. Brodie Mais, Rector of Tansley. The chief mourners included Mrs. Brailsford (widow), Mr. Thomas Brailsford, Mr. John Brailsford (brothers), Matlock; Mr. and Mrs. H Brailsford (nephew and niece), Matlock; Mr. Joseph Weston (nephew), Wirksworth; Mrs. Smeatin, Matlock; Mr. Joseph Arrowsmith, Tansley; Mr. Sidney Smith, Tansley; and Mr. Charles Smith, Matlock. There also followed a deputation from the Loyal Devonshire Lodge (Matlock Bath) of Oddfellows, M.U. Floral tributes were sent by the relatives.</p>
22 Feb 1908	8	<p style="text-align: center;">GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK AND WEST DERBYSHIRE</p> <p>A pretty wedding was celebrated on Monday at Tansley Church, the contracting parties being Mr George Case and Miss Bertha Briddon. The bride, who was attired in a pale biscuit-coloured dress with hat to match, was attended by her two sisters, the Misses Mary and Beatrice Briddon, wearing dresses of dark brown cashmere relieved with cream lace.</p>
29 Feb 1908	12	<p style="text-align: center;">STORMS SWEPT COUNTY HOUSE DAMAGED AT TANSLEY</p> <p>During the gale which raged with such fury at Matlock, on Saturday, a house at Tansley, tenanted by Mr J.H. Brookes, and belonging to Mrs Stone, of Sheffield, was struck by lightning, damaging the gable end to the amount of £5. Part of the roof was torn off, but happily no one was hurt. Many trees were blown up by the roots, and chimney stacks and slates were torn from roofs.</p>
7 March 1908	6	<p style="text-align: center;">WHAT A CHIEL HEARS IN THE COUNTY</p> <p>That a Tansley man found his pony trap at home.</p>
7 March 1908		<p style="text-align: center;">THE LICENSING BILL</p> <p>The drastic proposals contained in the Government's Licensing Bill....two or less persons per acre... one on-license to each 400 persons.</p> <p>[Table shows Tansley Population 8xx, Present on-licenses 2, Reduction -]</p>

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4 April 1908	12	<p>[Funeral of Duke of Derbyshire] Matlock District.</p> <p>... the Rev. J. Brodie-Mais (rector of Tansley), Mr and Mrs Joseph Hodgkinson, Messrs. Bunting, Palfreyman, Barber, Marsh, and Watts (Tansley Mill).</p>
20 June 1908	5	<p>THE WEEK'S POLICE BENCH OUGHT TO KNOW</p> <p>In the case of Rebecca Beech, Tansley, who had summoned her husband, Wm. Beech, for assault, complainant did not appear at the Matlock Petty Sessions on Wednesday, and P.c. Webster stated she told him she desired to withdraw the summons.</p> <p>Supt. Clarke objected to this course being taken, as the case was, in his opinion, a bad one. There were certain things in connection with it that the Bench ought to know.</p> <p>The case was adjourned to the next court.</p>
20 June 1908	5	<p>WANTED TO DIE. TANSLEY MAN'S ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE. FATHER LOADS GUN TO SHOOT HIS SON.</p> <p>Matlock Magistrates had before them on Wednesday a singular case in which a young man named John Johnson (24), stone cutter, Tansley, was charged with having attempted to take his life by jumping into the mill dam between eleven and twelve on Saturday night.</p> <p>On being charged, defendant wept copiously, and pleaded guilty to the offence.</p> <p>Supt. Clarke, answering Mt Tom Wright (chairman of the Bench), stated the young man's father had refused to attend the court.</p> <p>The evidence of Joseph Johnson, brother of the defendant, showed that when the young man came home he was admonished by his father, who told him his place was outside. Quick to take the hint he indignantly walked off in the direction of the mill dam. Witness followed, and found him lying on the bank. Asked what he was doing there defendant replied he was going to jump into the water. Unhesitatingly he carried out his intention, but, said witness, he soon came out again, which caused an outburst of laughter in court.</p> <p>Mr Tom Wright: Was he sober? Witness replied in the affirmative.</p> <p>Mr Potter (the magistrates' clerk): Treating the matter seriously, do you think he intended to do away with himself? Witness; I don't think so. (Laughter.) He thought he was doing something clever? - No answer.</p>

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Mr Wright: Where does he work? - At the quarry.
Has he been in regular employment? - Yes.
What time was it when he came home? – About 10.30.
But he would not be at work till then? – No. You see it was a Saturday night.
Does he generally come home late? – Not as a rule.
Continuing his evidence, witness stated about a fortnight ago his father got down his gun and threatened to shoot defendant.
Mr Potter: Did he allege any reason? – Witness did not answer.
When defendant got out of the water what did you do? – I persuaded him to go home.
How deep was the water at the dam? – Between five and six feet.
Were Holland and Noton there? – Yes.
Had they not been there he would not have jumped in? – No.
(Laughter.)
By Mr Wright: Defendant had work to go to, and could earn sufficient money to support himself in lodgings.
P.c. Webster said about 11.15 on Saturday night he was on duty in Cliffe Road, Tansley, when he heard terrible screams coming from the direction of the mill dam. He hastened there, and found defendant and his brother and Noton and Holland. They were trying to persuade defendant to go home. Witness, however, accompanied him home, and on the way defendant told him he was tired of his life, as they had no peace at home with his father. They were always falling out, and he wanted to die.
Giving evidence on his own behalf, defendant said when he arrived home on Saturday night his father, pointing outside the door, exclaimed : “That’s your place.” He replied “You threatened to shoot me last week, so do it to-night,” whereupon his father, who was excited, pushed him outside and shut the door.
Answering the Bench, defendant said he desired to stay at home for the sake of his mother and younger brothers.
Mrs Johnson stated she had nine of her children at home and defendant seemed to be the one most disliked by her husband. He never left defendant alone, and she avowed there would be something awful happen unless things changed. On May 27th her husband loaded the gun and threatened to shoot the lad, who had not looked up since. None of them had any peace owing to the violent and abusive conduct of her husband.
Supt. Clarke stated Mr Johnson, sen, had many times been convicted for various offences.
Defendant promised not to attempt the same thing again, and was discharged, the Bench commenting on his foolish conduct. He was advised to get lodgings and keep away from his father.

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18 July 1908

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**OFTENER DRUNK THAN SOBER.
TANSLEY WOMAN DESCRIBES HER
HUSBAND.**

At Matlock on Wednesday, Rebecca Beech, of Tansley, summoned her husband, William Beech, a labourer, for persistent cruelty, and she stated that she and her husband were married at Tansley Church in November, 1903. They lived with her husband's sister until they could get a house of their own. There were two children of the marriage, aged 3 years and 18 months respectively.

On June 3rd she asked him for money to buy a burner for the lamp. This he refused to give her, and went off drinking. When he came in for tea she told him he was good for nothing, except to drink, whereupon he banged her head against the fireplace and chased her out of the house with a carving knife. He said if she didn't go he would stick it through her.

She took out a summons, but afterwards withdrew it in consequence of his promising to behave better towards her. He had not assaulted her on any other occasion, but since her marriage he had only given her money for three days' food a week. He had never given her his wages, although he had been in fairly regular work. Prior to being a fish merchant, which business he gave up in June last, he worked in the quarry. Her husband was now getting 3s. or 4s. a week, and they had several debts to meet. She had had to beg clothes for the children and not infrequently he stayed out all night. He was more often drunk than sober, though during the last five years he had not been summoned. Her husband told her to clear out before he spoilt her face. Her husband's mother sometimes brought her and the children a little bread.

Defendant stated he bought 10s. or 12s. worth of food each week.

George Elliott (15), Rock Terrace, Tansley, stated that on June 3rd he saw Mr Beech knock his wife down with his fist.

Defendant said he was injured for life last November, and now his wife did not want him. He had provided a comfortable home and there were not two finer boys in Tansley than his. His wife had neglected her household duties of late and had spent too much time at her sister's.

The Bench granted a separation order, carrying 7s. a week, the wife to have the custody of the children. Beech had to pay 13s. costs.

25 July 1908

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NEWS SUMMARY.

A retired farmer named William Twigg, of Tansley, having made his will, went and jumped into the local dam, and was drowned. A coroner's jury found that the deceased was of unsound mind at the time.

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1 Aug 1908	3	<p style="text-align: center;">THE WEEK'S POLICE. HIS 27TH CONVICTION.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SEQUEL TO A TANSLEY MAN'S VISIT TO BLACKPOOL.</p> <p>John Johnson, quarryman, of Thacker's Row, Tansley, received his 27th conviction at Matlock Police Court on Wednesday.</p> <p>He was charge with having used indecent language towards his wife on July 12 th.</p> <p>P.c. Webster, who stated the facts, under cross examination denied that he told a man he would have defendant before the day was out. He did not hear Mrs Johnson use bad language.</p> <p>Defendant pleaded that his wife so aggravated him because he did not take her to Blackpool that he admonished her.</p> <p>The penalty inflicted was £1 and 7s. costs.</p>
15 Aug 1908	3	<p style="text-align: center;">A TANSLEY INCORRIGIBLE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CREATED A SCENE ON LEAVING THE COURT.</p> <p>Leaving the Matlock Police Court a fortnight ago, after having been fined £1 and 7s. costs for using indecent language, John Johnson (32), a Tansley quarryman, went home, and according to the testimony of P.c. Webster, committed a similar offence. He threatened to kill his wife, and there gathered a large crowd.</p> <p>In the opinion of Sarah Beech, defendant ought to be bound over to keep the peace.</p> <p>Defendant, who has been 27 times previously convicted, was fined £2 and 7s. costs, or, in default of payment, a month's hard labour.</p>
15 Aug 1908	3	<p style="text-align: center;">AFTER THE RABBITS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TANSLEY LABOURERS BROUGHT TO BOOK.</p> <p>Five Tansley labourers named John Noton (30), George Noton(21), Oliver Smith (19), Samuel Smith (21), and Robert Askew (24), pleaded not guilty at Matlock on Wednesday for trespassing on land in the occupation of Mr J.B. Marsden Smedley, J.P., C.C, in search of game.</p> <p>Joseph Holmes, the gamekeeper, who prosecuted, said he found the defendants with two dogs on the common on July 30th. They put up a rabbit, which the dogs caught. The two Smiths hurled stones at horses belonging to Mr Seals, of Dethick.</p> <p>Askew (sworn) said none of the defendants went out of the road, and it was untrue that they got a rabbit.</p> <p>The two Smiths, who had been previously convicted, were fined 10s. and 7s. costs each, and the others 5s. and 7s. costs each.</p>

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15 Aug 1908	3	<p>Brevities. TANSLEY.</p> <p>John Quigley, a Tansley quarryman, received his 16th conviction for drunkenness and disorderliness at Matlock on Wednesday. On the night of the 1st inst. he was found helplessly drunk in Cliffe Road. – The Magistrates inflicted a penalty of 10s. and costs.</p>
15 Aug 1908	6	<p>NEWS SUMMARY.</p> <p>The story was told in Matlock County Court, on Monday, of a Tansley will mysteriously disappearing, and as mysteriously turning up three years after the testator's death.</p>
15 Aug 1908	6	<p>MYSTERY OF A TANSLEY WILL. Returned by Unknown Sender. After Being Lost Several Years.</p> <p>A peculiar story of a Tansley will which disappeared, and after several years was mysteriously posted to the parties concerned by some person unknown, was told on Monday at the Matlock County Court, before his Honour Judge Lindley.</p> <p>It was in an action by John Briddon, of Matlock Cliff, grocer, acting as executor of the late John Young, against Samuel Young, a labourer, one of the sons of the deceased. The plaintiff, who was represented by Mr James Potter, solicitor, Matlock, claimed £34 3s in connection with the rent of houses belonging to the deceased's estate.</p> <p>Mr Potter stated that the late John Young who lived at Tansley, died in 1894. The deceased was the father of the defendant and other sons, who had an interest in the will. This Mr Young was the owner of small cottages at Tansley, and the rents were received by the defendant, who admitted that he had been paid £41 belonging to the estate. Defendant resided in one of the cottages left by the father, and had paid no rent for a considerable time. The only question arising was whether he should contribute 3s per week or 2s 6d per week for the cottage.</p> <p>The action was brought by brothers against a brother. The old gentleman, John Young, was very well known in the immediate neighbourhood, and on his death left four cottages to four sons. Mr Young died in February, 1904, and the property was mortgaged to its full value to a local club.</p> <p>At the time of the demise no distinct knowledge was known of the will, but it was stated that one had been made, and there were persons living who had witnessed it. The will was not found in August, 1904, and administration was granted to the defendant, Samuel Young, as one of the sons. The impression that Mr Young died intestate remained for three years, because no trace of the will</p>

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could be found.

On the 19th September, 1906, the original will turned up. It had been made in 1895, and each who had signed it acknowledged it to be the same they had attested. This will was received by post, without any letter or explanation, by Mr Thos. Taylor, who was an executor, but who renounced. The will was sent to Mr Jos. Hodgkinson, who was stated to be the party who had written it. Where it had come from there was no means of proving, but it appeared to have been bandied about for some time.

After some mysterious detention for two or three years from the death of the testator, the will as mysteriously turned up in the way explained. The defendant had been in possession of one of the cottages during the time, and the rent was claimed, at 3s. or 2s. 6d. per week.

Defendant stated he was discharged from the Army, with a complaint, and he had lived in one of the cottages. He had a letter from the eldest son, who was in America, and did not wish to interfere.

Chas. Young, one of the legatees, stated, in reply to the Judge, that there was some notion that the father made a will before he died. It could not be found until three years later. Two sons were excluded from benefit under the document, leaving three out of five as beneficiaries. He had no feeling against his brother Samuel. The other brother, who was living, and had benefit, was acting with him, as they wanted to get things straightened up.

Mr Potter: The misfortune for your brother Samuel is that he has lived out of the estate when he had no right to? – Yes.

And he knew when the will was found he had no claim? – Yes.

Thos. Dawes, of Tansley, told his Honour he thought the cottage in which Samuel lived was worth 2s 6d to 3s a week.

His Honour: What do you think is a fair sum?

Witness: Well, say 2s 9d a week. (Laughter.)

The defendant explained that he saw Mr Hodgkinson and Mr Potter, the latter holding the deeds, but no will could be found until the time stated, three years after the father's death. In the meantime the brothers had shared in the proceeds of the estate. The Lodge which held a mortgage pressed him, and he paid the interest amounting to £16. The will was sent to Mr Briddon anonymously.

His Honour: The only question is whether you should pay 2s 6d or 3s a week for rent.

Witness: I don't want to pay any rent for the time I have lived in the cottage.

His Honour: You see the will speaks, when found, from the day of your father's death. You must pay this rent from the time you went into the cottage. I will make the rent 2s 9d per week, and

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there will be judgment for £34 3s.

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**THE WEEK'S POLICE.
 STRANGE CONDUCT.**

WHAT IT COST A TANSLEY MAN.

“You get mad drunk, use all kinds of bad language, practice filthy things, and then assault the police. Do you expect so serious a business to be allowed in Matlock?”

These were the words addressed by Dr. Moxon at Matlock Police Court on Tuesday, to Samuel White (34), a married man, residing at Thacker's Row, Tansley, who was discharged in custody for being drunk and disorderly and assaulting P.c. Webster, on Saturday night.

Pleading guilty to the first charge, prisoner said he knew nothing about the assault.

According to the officer's testimony, White was being forcibly ejected by Mr Thomas Evans from the Horse Shoe Hotel at Matlock Green, shortly after eight o'clock. He was drunk, and used most vulgar expressions, and was rightly cautioned by P.c. Webster. This rebuke, however, made him defiant, and no policeman in Matlock, he said, could make him go home. He continued using vulgar ejections, and Webster caught hold of him to take him into custody. On the way to the police station, the prisoner held up his hand, and remarking: “I will knock your ----- head up.” struck the officer a severe blow under the jaw. A struggle ensued, but the policeman came off best, and successfully located his unruly charge.

Prisoner, who had been four times previously convicted, was fined 10s and 6s costs or 14 days' imprisonment for being drunk and disorderly, and £1 and 6s costs or a month for the assault.

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**THE WEEK'S POLICE.
 MOTHER OF EIGHTEEN.**

TANSLEY WIFE GRANTED A SEPARATION ORDER.

At Matlock on Wednesday, John Johnson (54), a Tansley stone-cutter, in the employ of Mr Thomas Wragg, was summoned by his wife, Ellen Johnson, for persistent cruelty.

Mr C. Granville Heny, of Matlock, defended.

Complainant stated they were married on Whit Monday, 1880, at Tansley Parish Church, and there were eighteen children of the marriage, ten of whom were living, and three over 21. Living at home were Fanny (20), Eliza (18), Henry (17), May (15), Mary Emma (11), Boden (8), and Maria (6). She had lived at Tansley the whole of her married life, and her husband had been in regular work. On July 3rd defendant told the children he would knock her ----- head in before morning, and on going upstairs he commenced

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to pull her out of bed by her legs. He threatened to throw her down the stairs. Because he could not get her out of bed he struck her a violent blow in the eye, and as a result of the ill-treatment she had to stay in bed for a week. She had bruises on her arm caused by her resisting him pulling her out of bed. On a later occasion he ran her with a knife and she sought refuge in a neighbour's house. He told her that if he had to go to Derby for a -----like her, he would cut her ----- head off. His language was not fit for anyone to hear, and she was afraid to live with him. Defendant loaded his gun to shoot her and one of her sons.

Mr Wright (chairman of the Bench): Has he threatened to shoot you?

Complainant: Yes. Some years ago he ran me with a loaded gun and said if he could catch me he would shoot me.

On another occasion, stated complainant, her husband took the hobbing iron upstairs and declared the first that came there he would "down" them. He had assaulted her a good many times and made all sorts of serious allegations against her. In consequence of his violence she dared not live with him. He returned from Derby gaol six weeks ago and had declined to maintain her and the eight children. They had taken a house of their own. Defendant had sold all the best furniture and given the remainder away. He was a stone-cutter and got 32s. a week.

Mr Potter (Magistrates' Clerk): He works and drinks?

Complainant: Yes.

And if he did not drink you would be very comfortable? – Yes.

How much money has he usually given you? – 14s. to 18s. a week.

How many children have you to keep out of that ? – Five.

How much a week do you ask for? – Half his wages - 15s.

By Mr Heny: Four of the children were at work and each paid her something. Defendant had not only struck her but kicked her many a time. When the defendant threatened to shoot her she did not seek protection in the police court because she did not want it putting in the papers. She did not take these proceedings because of an advertisement in *The Derbyshire Times* stating that the defendant would not be responsible for debts which she incurred. Her husband had not forbade her to deal with Mr Strange. She had incurred some debts, one of £1 0s. 8d. for milk. She had got her husband good food and on one occasion he threw a pork chop at her. Her husband had not objected to her going to Mr. Rogers late at night. She also denied staying out late at nights. She had a policy on her husband's mother's life and at her death she drew £6 9s. She paid the premiums out of the money she got from her children. Defendant had a new suit, new pants and a new cap out

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of the money. (Laughter.) Last Easter she went away for a fortnight because she dared not stop with her husband.

Charlotte Holland stated that on August 8th Mrs Johnson came into her house in an exhausted condition. She heard Mr Johnson say he would cut his wife's head off.

Mr Heny, after consultation with the defendant, said after what the wife had said he did not see how the parties could live happily together again, and he agreed on his behalf to a separation.

Defendant was called and stated he earned 30s. when he made a full week, but his average wage was £1. Since he had come from Derby he had been called upon to pay many debts which his wife had incurred.

The Bench granted a separation order, carrying 13s. a week. Mrs Johnson to have the custody of the four children under 16 years of age, defendant to pay 10s. costs.

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NEWS SUMMARY

After having been married 28 years, and having had 18 children, ten of whom are alive, J. Johnson, of Tansley, was separated from his wife by the Matlock magistrates on Wednesday, and ordered to pay her 13s a week maintenance.

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WEDDINGS.

TANSLEY.

Nutt – Stone.

On Wednesday an interesting wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Tansley. Miss Marian Elizabeth Stone, second daughter of Mrs Elizabeth Haslam, and the late Mr Stephen Stone, of Riber View, Tansley, was the bride, and Mr William Robert Nutt, the well-known Clay Cross auctioneer, who is eldest son of the late Mr W. R. Nutt, was the bridegroom.

The ceremony was witnessed by a large gathering of relatives and friends, and the Rev J. B. Brodie Mais (Rector of Tansley) officiated, Mr Kendal Bryan, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, being the best man.

While the wedding party was assembling, Mr Leonard Preece presided at the organ and played suitable voluntaries. The following hymns were sung during the service: "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" and "O Love Divine."

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr James Stone, was in a gown of cream ninon de soie silk, with silk applique trimmings and chiffon. A tulle veil was prettily arranged over a wreath of orange blossom and white heather; she carried a bouquet of roses and white heather, and wore a jewelled pendant, the gifts of the bridegroom.

The two bridesmaids, Miss Cissie Stone (sister of the bride) and Miss Katie Nutt (sister of the bridegroom) wore dresses of blue silk

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eolienne, trimmed with silk applique and brussels net. Their hats were trimmed with cornflowers (?) and blue velvet.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the National School, the guests numbering 60. The honeymoon is being spent at Harrogate, the bride going away in brown costume with hat to match.

Sept 26

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**THE YEAR'S CROPS.
TANSLEY.**

Writing from the Knoll Farm, Tansley, Mr Benjamin Taylor says:- The hay crop of 1908 good, particularly clovers, and seed quite up to the average, and the bulk harvested in good condition. Corn crops of barley, oats, and wheat good; cutting about completed, but the bulk is not yet harvested. Root crops good, except mangolds, which are under average. Turnips good, as improved by late rains, especially swedes. Potatoes very good, and promising well.

We are pleased to receive from Mr A. Jackson, of Daisy Bank, Tansley, a communication in which he expresses pleasure at the fact that the time has again come round for our publication of reports on the crops and the general outlook of agriculture in Derbyshire. To keep alive a healthy tone in the country about all matters relating to the growing of food for the people, says Mr Jackson, is one of the highest callings of journalism, and you do yourselves credit in placing so much valuable space in your paper at the disposal of farmers, to bring to the notice of the people the matters relating to this all-important industry.

Hope and despondency have been the lot of farmers this season. At certain times our crops looked better, and when we were rejoicing at the prospects of good harvests, our hopes have been dashed to the ground by spells of unfavourable weather.

Owing to the plentiful supply of grass our cattle have been kept in good healthy condition, and have done well. Last season was so wet that the gadfly could not use its wings, and as this pest can only propagate its species and strike the cattle when on the wing, our cattle this season have grazed in peace.

If farmers would only take a little trouble in the spring to carefully examine the backs of their cattle, and, if any grubs are visible, to squeeze them out and crush them, much trouble would be saved. If any beast is too restless to allow of this being done, a nick on the head of the grub with a sharp pointed pen-knife will destroy the pest. Should this plan be carried out but for a few years, our loss from this source would soon be a thing of the past.

Hay was a good crop mostly got in good condition, but in some cases it was damaged by the continuous wet. Straw crops, wheat and oats are a fair average, the grain being very well developed.

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Some of this crop has been gathered in good condition, but much of it is still out, and this wretched weather is fast making the farmers' rent disappear. Turnips are a good bulky crop. Mangolds are plentiful. but are small in size. Potatoes are a good crop, but owing to the wet weather their keeping properties are likely to be destroyed.

Dec 26

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**RESULTS IN BRIEF.
MATLOCK AND DISTRICT JUNIOR LEAGUE.**

Division B

Starkholmes 2, *Cromford 0

*Slaley 1, Tansley 1