HERE AND THERE

It is rumoured that the Newport Trades Council lave finished with politics, and intends going in for trades' unionism in future.

A neat alliterative definition of the ideal speech was given at the Friendly Societies Council on Friday evening, it being "bright, and brotherly."

Mr. P. Holford Thomas, a Newporton ian, who went through the siege of Mafe king, has left for the Cape to take up a Government appointment.

The Mayor of Westminster—Colon Clifford Probyn—is a Monmouthshi man, belonging to Pontypool. He ha also been Sheriff of London.

The Corporation are getting some norses in the Newport trams. The not, however, aiming yet at composith Mr. C. D. Phillips' motor-car.

"If you cannot give a donation, please do not steal the Hot-pot box." The fore-going motto suggests itself in view of the theft of a Newport collecting box from one of the shops a little way up the street.

On the site of the Tredegar Hall, New-port, there used to stand an old-fashioned dwelling known as Cromwell House, in which "Old Oliver" is alleged to have stayed on the occasion when he cannon-At the Caerleon Police Court on Thurs-

General Fitzroy Hart on one occasion felt very hungry. The craving for food brings us all to a level, and he asked a private for a biscuit. "I've only got one, and I want that for myself. But you may have half." The General was glad to get half, and in exchange gave the soldier a drink of water.

At the Caerleon Cricket Club supper on Thursday evening, while Mr. A. Ll. Edwards was fascinating the guests with snap-shots of the history of Caerleon 2,000 years ago, someone blandly asked to be informed what-Julius Caesar said about the Caerleon Drill Hall.

There is a thick brass rail rod immediately before the platform in the Newport Liberal Institute. It bears silent testimony to the eloquence and energy of Junior Liberal speakers. In the middle this barrier has been hammered and doubled beyond repair.

Newport's worthy Coroner is an adept at easting abroad compliments. He told Alderman Goldsworthy at a dinner on Tuesday evening that he (the "most genial of genial aldermen") had "more that once been mistaken for the Lord "Lay w of London." The Alderman did not ob-serve the Coroner wink the "other eye."

sail and you can easily catch it."

Such sentimen as you can extract from these lines is excellent in itself. The fond offer is solicitous for the material combiet of his inamorats; further he is not miserly, for he confesses to allow her avages upon the menu of the fish-shop to stand him in twopence at the very least. Further, his intense, for it any rival should dare to offer her an osculatory salute, he would meet him in mortal combat on the spot. This is the sort of taff with takes the place of "Hearts of Oak," and "To the West," and "Sally in our Alley." And the worst of it is that the infection spreads, like the plague. In a few months you will hear little rustics piping it away in the remotest parts of Monmouthshire.

Outside the Town-hall are now exhibited arious Royal Proclamations, including hose relating to the Coronation and the new coinage.

"She didn't know he was alive until she leard that he was dead," is one version of ome complicated police court evidence riven in a Valley police case.

The Hot-pot has come to stay. Since its introduction into Newport last Christmas it has regularly been found on the menu of the monthly Masonic suppers. The speakers at the annual dinner of the 2nd V.B. South Wales Borderers proved that they were not men of words. Not one of the speeches occupied two minutes.

Dr. Rutherfoord Harris is increasing his increas at Llangibby. To the shooting rights nearly 2,000 acres have been this eyear added, making the Doctor's holding upwards of 6,000 acres. The "bag" one day a week ago was 600 bead.

At the Newport Cabmen's meeting on Sunday night the Chairman declared a resolution carried unanimously when the voting was eight to six in its favour. What would he consider as amounting to difference of opinion?

A Sunday pedestrian writes:—A walk from Newport to Roggiett is not the peace-tal rural occupation that it seems on the surface. The latter half of the journey is usually diversified by the necessity, at half-mile intervals, of cajoling loose canines of uncertain breed and temper, but of unquestionable appetite, with a propossession in favour of the human calt as a joint.

Colour-sergeant Cartia, of Rhymney, would be an acquisition to any smoking cover, it the Volunteer dinner at New-cort on Saturday evening he sang a song on the "make it up as you go along style, introducing the football match, the dinner, the officers, and general topics in a very elever way, which, with a swinging—if not highly intellectual—chorus of "Ubidee, Ubiday," brought down the house.

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The Chepsiow Guardians on Saturday witnessed a most pleasing reconciliation between an old man and his wife, who had been at variance over money matters. The old lady, who had taken refuge in the workhouse, was prepared to go back with her husband if he would behave himself, and he promised to be good to her. Now, give us a kiss," cried the older low, and the compact was sealed in the presence of many laughing witnesses.

A well-known candidate for Risca School Board honours, who missed election by only a small number of votes, was defeated under unusual circumstances. The counting of votes revealed the fact that nine electors had put crosses to their voting papers, thus rendering them null snd void; and, as those nine evidently meant to give all their votes for the candidate in question, he would be now a full blown members had they used figures.

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"O. B. Joyful" is a subscriber to the neverar's treat for poor children at Newport We want more "O. B. Joyfuls" and more "O. B. Charitables" for the weather i cold and the cry of the poor cuts.

"Now, Quiney," says Molly Meadows to one of the Irish privates in "Two Little Brummer Boys," at the Luceum, have you a thirst for glory?" I've a glorious thirst, "replies Quiney," if that's the same thing."

This is the season of conundrums, and the Cheerful Idiot weighs in with the following: — Why was Tuesday an appropriate day for leaving Newport? After the staff had given it up, he replied: "Because the fog that was about was like a dew (Adieu.)

"We shouldn't mind losing the record," said a Swansea player as he marched off the Newport field on Saturday; "but we object to being beaten." Well, he has had the opposite; for Swansea was beaten on St. Helen's ground by Newport, but did not lose the record.

Mr. E. W. Shackell proposes to get a "war" motion passed through at the Newport Chamber of Commerce meeting. He wants the chamber to affirm that any further expenditure is connection with the war should be provided for by a loan on the security of the revenues of the two newly-acquired territories.

We knew that juvenile "cheek" ran pretty high, but we have never heard the equal of the instance related at the Monday's Newport Police-court. Boys were reported to be in the habit of stealing coal from the trucks in the Louw Vale Coal from the trucks in the Louw Vale Coal wharf; then to go out and sell it and return to play pitch and toss with the money, under the very noses, as it were, of the workmen in the yard.

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Mr. W. T. Corner, who has been involved the employes at Lysaght's works stand as a Labour candidate at the running stands of the stands of the

The Rev. H. Abraham called to the attention of the hudience at the pupil teachers' prize distribution, the coincidence that while Archdeacon Bruce was making his speech the bells of St. Woolos' could be plainly heard.

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The Free Library Committee evidently believe that Newport people read off instead of sleeping off, the effects of Christmas fate. They refuse to allow the lending department to be closed on the Friday after Christmas.

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Councillor John Moxon's success in the East Ward has given the master builders general satisfaction, judging by the applause with which he was received at the banquet at the King's Head Hotel on Tuesday.

"The Labour Party are really and truly Liberals, so why not come out and shake hands?" said a speaker at a Liberal mediag at Newport on Wednesday. The "S.W.J.T." has said a similar thing so long that even Hill Direct now admits it.

A curious chapter might be written of the natural history of Newport. A police-man, whose beat lies in the neighbour-hood of Powell's Wharf, says that there are more rabbit burrows thereabouts, in spite of the proximity of the wharf to a densel-populated area, than anywhere else within 4wo or three miles of Newport.

Said a lawyer at the Master Builders' banquet last night: "Builders' bank books are a sight," and then, with a look of triumph, "I have seen them." "You have," sorrowfully skipped in a builder close by. "Yes, and I've drawn something from them," came the retort. "You have," and this time the tone of sorrow was deep and pathetic.

Councillor Abrahamson fold the Jabout party on Tuesday exching, when he was speaking about the recent by-e-lection in Newport, that "if Labour wanted representation on the Council they must work hand in glove with the Liberal Party: there ought to be no nonsense about it." Will Mr. Abrahamson tell us plainly what Labour has in common with Liberalism or Toryism, apart from Capitalism?

NEWPORT MASTER BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

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The annual banquet of the Newport Master Builders' Association was held at the King's Head Hotel on Tuesday evening. The tables were prettily laid, the menu was recherche, and the catering gave general satisfaction. Councillor W. M. Blackburn presided, and was supported by Alderman T. Goldsworthy, Councillors John Moxon, Clifford Phillips, A. E. Parfitt, and Geo. Morgan; Mr. W. Lyndon Moore, Mr. R. Richards (secretary). Mr. R. H. Haynes (Borough Engineer), Mr. John Bain, F.R.I.B.A., Alt. E. H. Fawckner, and Mr. E. Maples Linton. There were also present: Measrs. W. H. Barker, Edgar Brewer, Geo. Bell, A. S. Morgan, Hy. C. Parfitt, D. Juo. Davies, G. Jonkins, A. C. Cankins, E. E. Cox, Hy. T. Davies, A. W. Brownscombe, W. Martin Johns, Moore Bros. Hugh Jordan, J. D. Edwards, Arthur Sims (pianist), C. H. Reed (vice-president), Wm. Henry Hopkins, W. Jewell, J. Cowill, R. Jewell, J. H. Monks, C. T. Shaw, Ali, Oates, J. H. Monks, C. T. Shaw, Ali, Oates, J. H. Monks, C. T. Shaw, Ali, Oates, J. Morgan, W. Milliams, E. Jones, Tom Westacott, J. Lawson, John Charles, J. Morgan, W. Bath Cleaver, W. Naish, W. T. Jones, Joshus T. Evans, Ernest Hooper, Joseph Hooper, G. Wright, L.J. Griffiths, W. E. Stephens, S. McCall, Rowland E. Morris, Johns T. Evans, Ernest Hooper, Joseph Hooper, G. Wright, L.J. Griffiths, W. E. Stephens, S. McCall, Rowland E. Morris, Johns Hooper, G. Wright, J. Griffiths, W. E. Stephens, S. McCall, Rowland E. Morris, Jones, Hodges, J. Powell, James Cox, James Hodges, J. Powell, James Jones, Hodges, J. Powell, James Jon

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THE BLIND IN NEWPORT.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S TREAT.

To the Editor of the "Star of Gwent.")

Dear Sir.—The number of blind persons in Newport and district is about 100. To these quite two-thirds belong to the porest of the star of the work, in educating the blind children of the School Board has undertaken the ducation of blind children, up to the age of sixteen, the Society's work has been chiefly among the adult blind, the death of the sage of sixteen, the Society's work has been chiefly among the adult blind who are not too age of rinfirm, for a social gathering. Three out on the social made to bring together all the blind who are not too age of rinfirm, for a social gathering. Three out on the social made to bring together all the blind, water crisis, but they were personal to call the attention of all interested in the blind, to the date proposed for the monotony of "the encircing and make this an annual event. I wish to call the attention of all interested in the blind, to the date proposed for the monotony of "the encircing and make this an annual event. I wish to call the attention of all interested in the blind, to the date proposed for the monotony of "the encircing and make this an annual event. I wish to call the attention of all interested in the blind, to the date proposed for the monotony of "the encircing and make this an annual event. I wish to call the attention of all interested in the blind, to the date proposed for the monotony of "the encircing and make this an annual event. I wish to call the attention of all interested in the blind, to the date proposed for the next treat, viz., Jan. 13th, 1908, at who would be a some produced by the addition of this cocasion.

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citizen: and if only the capitalists and merchants would recognise the geographical importance of the place, their trade place importance of the place, their trade the past.

Mr. A. S. Morgan gave the "Architects and Surveyors" in a facetious speech.

Mr. John Dain, F.R.I.B.A., responded. He said that in wishing the Master Builders' Association the maximum of success, he did not forget that the motives of the architects were not quite disinterested. Builders could and did get along without architects, but he never knew of an architect who could get on without a

profits.
Mr. H. C. Parfitt responded in the absence of Councillor John Linton, J.P. (ex-President). He was proud that, with all the big contracts of the last ten years or so, the builders had kept away outsiders.
Mr. R. Moon, in the absence of Mr. Harse, gave "The Timber, Stone, Brick and Kindred Trades."
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Mr. T. Robinson submitted "The
Builders' Merchants," and Messrs. J.
Davies and H. P. Davies replied.

The toasts of "The Chairman" brought
the proceedings to a close. During the
evening songs were sung by Mr. A. S.
Morgan, Mr. John Colwill, Mr. R.
Richards and others.

Mr. Arthur E. Sims performed the duties
of accompanist.

WOMEN'S MEMORIAL TO QUEEN VICTORIA.

ADDRESS BY LADY LLANGATTOCK AT NEWPORT.

AT NEWPORT.

A meeting called by Lady Llangattock was held in the Assembly Rooms of the Newport Town Hall, on Wednesday afternoon, for the purpose of forwarding in the county the Women's Memorial to Queen Victoria. His Worship, the Mayor of Newport (Ald. H. J. Davis) presided, and there were on the platform with him Lady Llangattock, Lady Forestier-Walker, Lord Tredgar, and Mr. Harold Boulton (hon. treasurer to the fund).

The Mayor having expressed his deep aympathy with the Women's Victorias Memorial.

NEWPORT'S POOR CHILDREN.

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A meeting of the General Committee in connection with the New Year's Treat for poor children was held at Newport Town Hall, on Saturday night, Councillor T. S. Gower presiding over a large attendance. The General Hon Sec. (Rev. H. Abraham), read a letter from Mr. Harry Packer, stating that he would put the letter applying for the use of the gymnasium on the Newport Athletic Club's grounds before his committee at the next meeting, and intimating that it might be as much as taken for granted that the structure could be used for the treat on the ist January next.

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Mr. W. L. Goldsworthy had written to the effect that he could not take up the collection by boxes. There had been some disastisfaction, regarding previous arrangements, and, furthermore, the hotpot boxes were already out.

Rev. E. Walrond Skinner said that he previous collection under this head yielded £21 17s. They should not allow themselves to be pushed aside by the hotpot boxes.

Mr. Peter Wright intimated that he would undertake the work.

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Several new members were stated to have been added to the General Committee; and on the motion of Mr. H. J. Pillinger, the new list was adopted.

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Mr. W. Stanley Jones proposed that each carver and superintendent be asked to provide three helpers; and this being seconded by Mr. Gunn, was passed. It was decided that the dinners should be served at 12, 1 and 2 o'clock.

CONTEMPT OF COURT.

APOLOGIES OF A SHIPPING NEWS-PAPER ACCEPTED.

The Divisional Court, in the King's Bench, on Wednesday, heard an avolication by Mr. William Altred Starling, formerly manager of Houlder, Bros. and Co. of Liverpool, owners of the Houlder Line of steamships, to commit for contempt of court, Mr. Joseph Louis Carozzi, editor of a newspaper devoted to the shipping interest, called the "Syren and Shipping clausers, of the Court of the Syren and Shipping interest, called the prejudice the fair trial of two actions which applicant had of two actions which applicant had