BAD PRINT

ORANGE AFFRAY AT PAISLEY.

On Tuesday this town and neighborhood were the scene of much excitement, on account of the proceedings of the Orange lodge here, and the fatal and serious results which followed. For some reason or another, which in the meantime is unexplained, the authorities in Renfrewshire did not issue proclamations prohibiting Orange demonstrations, although this was done both in Lanarkshire and Ayrshire, and this circumstance appeared to operate materially in making the Orangemen of this town bold and confident. As early as six in the morning the lodge mustered in the High-street to the number of 400 or 500, among whom were a considerable number of women, and, headed by a band of music, they proceeded to parade the town. Ultimately they directed their steps to Johnstone, and on reaching Millierston, which is close to the Parliamentary boundary of Paisley, they were attacked by a body of miners. Some of their musical instruments were damaged, & severe wounds on the head and other parts of the body were given and received by both parties. One of the miners assailing the Orangemen had his hand severely cut with a sword. Ultimately the miners drew off, and the Orangemen proceeded to Johnstone. Here in the square, they waited some time, and had some refreshment, and again started on their route, proceeding to Quarrelton, and thence by the Milliken-park station on the Glasgow-Western Railway, till they joined the Elderslie and Johnstone-road. Here they turned back, and again rested for a time in Johnstone. Shortly after 12 o'clock they left Johnstone and proceeded to Linwood by the Duff Hillock Toll, reaching the latter place shortly before 1 o'clock. Here the Linwood Lodge broke off from the procession, and the Paisley and Johnstone Lodges proceeded on the road to Paisley, with the intention of separating at the West Toll. On reaching the bridge over the Black Cart, at the south end of the village, they found their further progress opposed by 200 or 300 miners, who as soon as they made their appearance attacked them with stones and bludgeons. The procession was driven back into the village in disorder, but after a short delay they induced four or five of the county police to accompany them again to the bridge, which they again essayed to cross. A desperate encounter then ensued, in which fire-arms and knives were freely used in addition to less dangerous weapons, such as bludgeons, palings, &c. A continued succession of shots were fired, but apparently the greater number of them were discharged at too great a distance to do much harm. As the struggle continued the combatants drew closer to each other, and a fearful hand-to-hand fight followed, the weapons used being chiefly clasp-knives and bludgeons. We are assured by a spectator that the scene was most fearful, the combatants apparently being animated against each other with a almost savage and deadly hatred. Ultimately, after the struggle had lasted for about three quarters of an hour, the Catholic party gave away and fled along the road leading to Inkermann. Two or three who dropped behind were very severely handled by the infuriated Orangemen, and, indeed, in one case in particular but for the energetic interference of the police it is questionable if the unfortunate man would not have been murdered. He was pointed out as one who had taken a most prominent part in the melee. After he was in custody two pistol shots were fired at him. After the affray was over the combatants presented a horrid spectacle. On the middle of the road, where the fight had been the hottest, lay extended the dead body of a strong muscular man, apparently about 40 years of age. His skull had been severely fractured, and he was stabbed apparently with a clasp-knife in the left breast. The body was conveyed to the village, whither also the two seriously wounded were taken. The procession then reformed, and accompanied by all who could walk, proceeded to Paisley, which place it reached without molestation. The man killed has not been identified, but it is supposed that he belonged to the Catholic party. The following is a list of the names of those more seriously wounded so far as we were enabled to obtain them. A great many more, however were taken to Paisley and Johnstone by their friends:—

James Marshal, engineman, Inkermann; shot, apparently with slugs, immediately under the left eye.

John Burns, miner's drawer, Catholic; stabbed in the right breast.

Edward Little, labourer Paisley, Orangeman; severely cut on the head.

—— Johnstone, shoemaker, Paisley, Orangeman; cut severely on the head.

Joseph Fraser, Linwood, Orangeman; severe scalp wounds.

John Dickson, 79, High-street Paisley, Orangeman; cut on the head.

John Mellon, printcutter, Paisley, Orangeman; as also his wife; cut on the head and face.

Two prisoners were taken. One of them we have already noticed as having only escaped with his life through the intervention of the police. He gives his name as Patrick M'Graw, Newton-street, Paisley. He is stabbed in the thigh, and had one of his wrists cut. The other prisoner gave his name as Francis Brennan. Both are in police.

Medical attendance was fortunately soon obtained for the wounded. Dr. Donald, of Paisley, happened to be visiting a family in the village shortly after the affray commenced, and he was followed by Drs. M'Intosh, of the Paisley Infirmary. Messengers having been despatched to Johnstone, Drs Colligan, M'Laren, and Stirling arrived successively, and also Drs. Daniel and W. B. Mackinlay, from Paisley. Marshall and Burns may both be considered as dangerous. The former in the course of the evening was removed to the Infirmary here.

As was to be anticipated, the affray has created great excitement in the neighborhood. In the afternoon nearly all the miners in the district left their work; but when no further disturbance was reported. The extended constabulary resident in Paisley were called off in the afternoon and lodged in the Paisley barracks for the night, there being no military at the present time in the district.

One very extraordinary feature in the day's proceeding was the encouragement given to the Orangemen by the police. In the morning several of the right hand men on their way to their rendezvous, Abercorn, Kilbarchan, Lochwinnoch, Beith, Dalry, Ardrossan, Saltcoats, Stevenston, Irvine, Kilwinning, Dalry, Ardrossan, Saltcoats, Stevenston, Irvine, Kilwinning, Stevenston, Irvine, Kilwinning, Irvine, Kilwinning, Kilwinning, Dalry, Ardrossan, Saltcoats, Stevenston, Irvine