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**A Miscellany of Local  
Newspaper Reports for  
Llanelly and the  
surrounding areas.**

**Spanning the period  
1820 – 1829**

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**An Intriguing and fascinating  
insight into the lives of our  
ancestors.**

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**1820**

MR. EDITOR, Plas Issa, March 8,  
1820.

SIR, - If it would not too much intrude upon the columns of your valuable Paper, I presume the public as well as myself will be obliged to you to insert the following subject, which relates to the value of corn, and upon which the very salvation of this country depends, as that most excellent man, George Webb Hall, Esq. of Sneed-park, has so justly and so ably set forth in all its bearings. Finding the prices of corn to bear but a small proportion of profit to the grower, compared to that of the miller and baker, I have this day, with great care, caused a Winchester of wheat, of the same quality to that lately sold to Mr. Walters, of Swansea, at 8s. a Winchester, to be weighed and ground at my neighbour's mill (Mr. Hopkins, of Trosserch); its net weight before grinding was 61lb. and produced as follows: —

Toll	4lb	
Bran	7lb	0s 3d
Flour and Meal	50lb	9s 9d
Total	61lb	10s.0d

The flour and meal is taken at the prices now selling at Swansea and Llanelly; add to this the extra

weight of about one-tenth above the average of this country and the whole kingdom - 6lb. to make it weigh 66lb. which is now the customary weight of Swansea market; and upon which fallacious return the average return of Glamorganshire is made. Thus you see that the profit to the miller and baker is only a fraction under one-half of the first cost paid to the grower, and I have no doubt many of them grind and manufacture from 500 to 1000 Winchesters per week. It is a melancholy fact, that this enormous profit is mostly wrung out of the pockets of the poor: for they will tell you, it is cheaper to purchase flour or bread, than corn : now this gross fallacy has a remedy somewhere, and which, I sincerely hope, some of your readers, more able than myself, will set forth for, if the whole landed proprietors of this kingdom do not forthwith take this great and vital subject into their most serious consideration, and remedy the evil in some way or other, our ruin is certain, and that at no very great distant period.

I remain, Sir,

Your very respectful, humble servant, GEO. MORRIS

(The Cambrian 11<sup>th</sup> March 1820)

## SHIPPING NEWS

Carmarthen.—Arrived-, the Unity, Gravel, from Bristol, with sundries; Henry, George, from Bideford, with earthenware; Friendship, Griffith, from Tenby; Morning Star, Edwards; and Three Brothers, Morgan, from Llanelly, with coal or culm.

(The Cambrian 24<sup>th</sup> June 1820)

## DIED

At sea, on Friday, Capt John Roberts, of the latter place, universally respected and regretted

(The Cambrian 24<sup>th</sup> June 1820)

### ADVERTISEMENT:

STOLEN or STRAYED, from Landavan Farm, in the neighbourhood of Llanelly. a GREY MARE, lamed of a shoulder, accompanied by TWO BAY FILLIES, with long full tails, each two years old.

Whoever will give information of the same shall be well Rewarded for their trouble—Apply to Messrs. Pemberton, at Llanelly, Carmarthenshire. November 8, 1820.

(The Cambrian 11<sup>th</sup> November 1820)

## 1821

### DIED

On Saturday last, at Llanelly, Mr. Joseph Child, universally esteemed ; also on Sunday, William, the son of Wm. Yalden, Esq. of Vauxhali, Llanelly.

At the village of Pembrey, in consequence of a fall, Mrs. Margaret Ray, aged 81, mother of Mr. Wm, Ray, Capt. and Adjutant in the Royal Glamorganshire Militia. The deceased retained her faculties to the last, and could read the smallest print without the assistance of glasses.

(The Cambrian 31<sup>st</sup> March 1821)

## 1822

### THE LATE MR. FOSTER AND PEMBREY HARBOUR.

To the EDITOR of The CAMBRIAN.

SIR,—On looking over the list of deaths in your last Cambrian. I read, with much concern, an

account of that of the late much-lamented Thomas Foster, Esq. stated thus :— "On Friday last, suddenly, at the Angel, in Abergavenny, whilst tying on his neck-band kerchief, - - - Foster, Esq. an eminent attorney from Lincolnshire;" which convinced me that the author had no knowledge of the deceased, and urged me, in justice to the great merit of so valuable a man, to request you will have the goodness to give the following account of him a place in your next paper:—

He was one of an enterprising company of gentlemen, who, under formidable difficulties, supposed by many, while the work was carrying on, to be insurmountable, effected lately an excellent Harbour at Pembrey, which, by the opening of collieries by the same company in its vicinity, has been the means of giving employment to many poor people and which, if the Kidwelly and Llanelly Canal (now within two miles of it), was united therewith would, in all probability, become a work of great extent and importance, by bringing into profitable action mineral property to the amount, no doubt, of at least treble the present value of all the lands

connected with it. — His manners were so mild, polite, affable, and agreeable, as to command the respect and esteem of all who had the pleasure of being acquainted with him. He needs no other monument to perpetuate his respected memory than Pembrey Harbour; it will shew his merit more conspicuously than any inscription on either marble or brass. I am, Sir, your's obediently,

**A LOVER or PUPPIC IMPROVEMENT.**

May 20,-1859

(The Cambrian 1<sup>st</sup> June 1822)

## 1824

### **STONE COAL AND CULM.**

#### *To Ship Owners and Masters of Vessels.*

THE Pembrey Company having opened extensive COLLIERIES, will commence the SHIPMENT of STONE COAL and CULM, at their Harbour of PEMBREY, the middle of next month. (April). From its contiguity to Tenby, and the supposition of the veins being the same as those of that place, the Stone Coal and Culm of Pembrey will, it is thought, be found equal in quality to any shipped in Pembrokeshire, or any other part of the Welsh Coast. Samples of them may be now seen at the Works.

The Pembrey Company will ship at the accustomed prices and gratuities of Swansea and Neath. - The Harbour having been considerably improved, a new Survey has been made. A correct Chart, accompanied with Sailing Directions, is in preparation, and will soon be published; it may then be had at all the principal Ports.

Pembrey Harbour is situated, on the north side of Burry River, possesses thirteen feet of water under the Loading Jetties on the

lowest neap tides, and is free from Harbour Dues. The layers and accommodations for shipping, are strictly attended to. This Stone Coal and Culm are the same as those formerly shipped at Kidwelly. Bituminous Coal shipped as usual.

March 4, 1824

(The Cambrian 27<sup>th</sup> March 1824)

### **THE PEMBREY CANAL**

We congratulate South Wales on the opening of Stone Coal and Culm Collieries and a Canal at Pembrey. Last week the first barge started from the works, traversing a line of canal of some miles in extent, the greater part of which, six months ago, was a mere sandy desert. In two hours from her starting, the barge arrived at Pembrey harbour, amid the acclamations of some hundreds of spectators.—The celebrated Stone- Coal of Kidwelly, long abandoned for want of a shipping place, is now recovered by the county.

(North Wales Gazette 13<sup>th</sup> May 1824)

### **LLANELLY FIRE**

On Monday last, a fire broke out in the dwelling- house of Arthur Raby, Esq. at Llanelly, which, being covered with thatch, the flames spread rapidly, and it was totally consumed in a short time. By the friendly and prompt exertions of the inhabitants, the whole of the furniture and other effects were saved, and it is gratifying to add, as well as praiseworthy to the assembled multitude, that not a single article is missing.

(The Cambrian 29<sup>th</sup> May 1824)

## 1823

### **LAW.**

WANTED, a steady Person, as a WRITER, who has a general knowledge of Common Law and Conveyancing, and who understands the Welsh language. A respectable reference will be required.

Apply at the Office of Messrs. James and Collins, Swansea.

(The Cambrian 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1823)

## 1825

### **MARRIED**

On Staurday se'nnight, at the Parish Church of Pembrey, Carmarthenshire, Mr. Wm. Thomas, youngest son of John Thomas Esq., of Court House, to Miss Davies, youngest daughter of the late Mr Davies, of Frwd.

At Llanelly, on Tuesday se'nnight, Mr. George Roose, Master of the Ann, of Liverpool, to Eliza, fourth daughter of Mr. Wm. Dawkin, Engine house, Llanelly.

(The Cambrian 8<sup>th</sup> August 1825)

## MARRIED

On the 11th inst. Mr John Williams, of Llanelly, Carmarthenshire to Elizabeth, third daughter of Mr Thomas Hazel, Temple-street, Bristol.

(The Cambrian 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1825)

## DIED

Lately, Mrs. Evans, wife of the late Rev. Maurice Evans, Vicar of Langeler, Carmarthenshire, aged 54 years; and Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Rees, of Ty'nyrheal, in the parish of Pembrey, in the same county.

On the 13th inst. Mr. Thomas Williams, master of the sloop, Hero, of Pembrey.

(The Cambrian 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1825)

## THE THREE BROTHERS

The *Three Brothers*, of Dungarvan, laden with copper ore, was stranded on Pembrey Sands, Carmarthenshire, on the evening of Thursday se'nnight, and all the crew unfortunately perished. The body of the Mate, Egustine Fouler, with upwards of £20 about his person, has been found.

(The Cambrian 29<sup>th</sup> October 1825)

## 1826

### To PARENTS and GUARDIANS.

#### WANTED,

an APPRENTICE by a CHEMIST and DRUGGIST in one of the principal Towns in South Wales.

A respectable lad, who has received a liberal education, will be treated as one of the family, and every attention paid to his morals. The above is a good opportunity for any one to place a lad in that line of business, as the Premium will be moderate, and the business very respectable, both wholesale and retail.

Apply to the Printers.—Letters to be post-paid

The Cambrian 24<sup>th</sup> June 1826

## 1827

### LOST

*The Property of Capt. Hill of  
Laugharne,*

**A LARGE WHITE SETTER DOG,** answers to the name of Spot, having a black spot on one side of the head, and one on the side. Any person who will restore him, will be handsomely rewarded, and any one detaining him after this notice will be proceeded against.

## 1828

### ADVERTISEMENT:

#### Notice is hereby Given,

TO the Proprietors of Lands and Estates, in the several parishes of Kidwelly, St. Ishmael, and Pembrey in the County of Carmarthen, and to all other persons whom it may concern, that in the next Sessions of Parliament a Petition will be presented to the Honorable House or Commons for leave to bring in a Bill in order to obtain an Act of Parliament for dividing, allotting, inclosing, and embanking, all the Marsh Lands, Commonable Lands, and Waste Grounds, in the said several Parishes of Kidwelly, St. Ishmael, and Pembrey :—And also for obtaining powers to form or construct an Embankment, Bridge and Sluice Gates, over the Gwendraeth-fawr River, at or near the Kidwelly Ford, or at or near a point called Holway point, from the Parish or Borough of Kidwelly into the Parish of Pembrey ;— and also to make proper or convenient avenues and roads to, from and over said Embankments and Bridges, and to sell such portion or portions of the said Marsh Lands, Commonable Lands, or Waste Grounds, as may be requisite to defray the expence of making such above mentioned Enclosures, Embankments, Roads, and Bridges, as are intended to be made as aforesaid. Dated this 13th day of November, 1828.

By order, R. W. JONES, Surveyor.

(Carmarthen Journal November 21<sup>st</sup> 1828)

## 1829

### Advertisement:

Carmarthenshire  
**CAPITAL NAVY TIMBER**  
*Within three Miles of the Sea Port of  
Llanelly,*

### TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION

On Thursday, the 19th day of February instant, at the Falcon Inn, in the town of Llanelly, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon (subject to such Conditions of Sale as shall be then and there produced,)

*By Thomas Thomas, Auctioneer,*

#### IN ONE LOT,

661 Very fine OAK TIMBER, measuring from 12 to 24 feet in length, and from 8 to 11½ inches in girth; 153 Timber Trees or smaller dimensions, - the whole numbered with white paint, from 1 to 814 inclusive: and 327 OAK POLES, marked with a cross in white paint, all standing on Rhose farm, in the parish of Pembrey, within two hundred yards of the main Turnpike Road, leading to Llanelly.

The above Timber is well worthy the attention of Ship Builders and Timber Merchants.

For a view of the Timber apply to Samuel Anthony, at Rhose.

— And for further particulars apply to Mr. P.G. Jones, Solicitor, Carmarthen.

Carmarthen. Feb. 4, 1829

**To the EDITOR of the  
CAMBRIAN.**

SIR, - I beg, for the amusement of your readers, to send you a copy of an anonymous letter received yesterday from your town, by the Harbour Master of Pembrey. It was accompanied by three printed letters (abusive of the Roman Catholic religion) purporting to be the production of one Faber, printed and sold by H. Griffith, price 5s. 6d. per 100: — "On Thursday, the 23rd, St. George's Day, the St. George's flag will be hoisted in Swansea Bay, union downwards, in lamentation of the severest blow ever inflicted on England (meaning Catholic Emancipation) and the disgraceful means by which it has been effected; and no doubt a like feeling will be in the same way expressed by every true Protestant master of a vessel in the port of Pembrey."

The recommendation contained in this demoniacal, seditious, and uncharitable letter, was, of course, treated with the contempt it deserved. I call it demoniacal, because I believe it one of the tricks of the Devil to set people by the ears about the ceremonials of religion, to give himself a better opportunity of stealing the substance of religion away from

their hearts : I call it seditious, because it invites to a contempt of Government: and I call it uncharitable towards any true Catholic masters of vessels that might have been in the Harbour. To its Author I would recommend, in preference to the Epistles of the Partisan Apostle Faber, the Epistles of the Christian Apostle Paul, in one of which I find these words "Though I speak with the tongue of Men and of Angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." Should he never have heard of the Christian Religion, and should he happen to see this notice of him, I beg to inform him, he will find it fully set forth in a Book entitled "The Holy Bible," printed at Cambridge, by J. Smith, Printer to the University.

I am, Sir,

**YOUR CONSTANT READER  
AND A PLAIN SPEAKER.**

Pembrey, 23d April, 1829

(The Cambrian 25<sup>th</sup> April 1829)

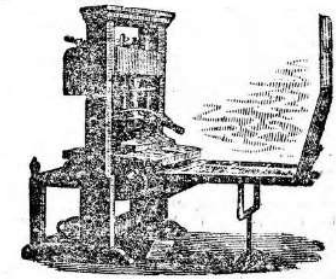
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HOARSENESS, &c.**

BUTLER'S ACIDULATED  
CAYENNE LOZENGES are particularly recommended for habitual sore Throats; relaxation of the Uvula; enlargement of the Tonsils, and that description of Hoarseness which arises from relaxation of the membranes of the Throat, and the parts contiguous.

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