### Cymry Fynyddig, And French Reviewers.

Her Wonderful Industrial Progress. The Robert Morris Lodge Eisteddfod.

compare with South Wales in industrial and commercial progress, and it is safe to assert that no part of the world can-apart from speculative operations --bear comparison with Glamorganshire in vigorous enterprise and in the promotion of solid undertakings. Heavy as has been the record of parliamentary projects which the district has in former years sent to London, it is a safe prophecy, says the South Wales Weekly News, that the next session of the legislature will completely outweigh all former achievements in that direction. there being every indication that the success of former enterprises serves only as the starting point for fresh endeavors. Even when due allowance has been made for the unreal nature of certain of the projects now announcedand it is obvious that some of them are mere "bluffs," schemes put forward to help in attainments of ends quite other than those which are stated—there still exists a large remainder of projects which prefigure great outlay of capital and enormous development of the resources of Glamorganshire.

CARDIFF'S NEW DOCK .- The new Windsor dock, an undertaking promoted by an independent company, has been the best secret of new railways and dock enterprises in South Wales: The new dock will be a conspicuous addition to the shipping facilities of Cardiff, and is situate in a peculiarly favorable position inasmuch as ships entering will have the protection of Penarth head, and the line of entrance has been made direct with the channel from the Roads. The parliamentary notice is for a bill seeking powers for the incorporation of a company who will utilize the marsh land lying between the Ely and Fall rivers, and upon an area behind the South Wales public wharf. It is intended that the new Windsor company shall construct a dock of about thirty acres in extent. The depth of the water upon the sill will be equal to the sill of the new Bute dock, authorized by the act of 1894. The promoters of the bill are taking ample | take, care to secure for themselves a large tract of land, so as to provide extensive siding accommodations, whereby they may facilitate the sorting of traffic with prompt and direct approach to the tips. The rallway approach to the dock will be via the Penarth harbor branch of the Taff Vale company's line and it will be observed that working arrangements with the Taff Vale, and also with the Penarth Dock company are provided for. The owner of the land is Lord Windsor. It will be thus seen that Cardiff is destined to become one of the largest and most important industrial centres of the world.

BUTE AND RHYMNEY.-One of the

No part in the United Kingdom can | trustees, the Docks company and other parties concerned, whereby the undertaking of the Bute Dock company and that of the Rhymney company will become one concern, the number of directors being increased. Provision is sought for a change of name of the tending from Llancaiach to Cilfynydd, Bute company, for the requisite increase of capital, and for such amendments of the already existent acts as afford passenger accommodation from may be desirable. An important point is that the lawyers both for the Bute Dock company and of the Rhymney and will enable pasengers to get a short Railroad company are acting in common. In this connection it should be remembered that the Barry bill is designed to enable the Barry company to take over the Rhymney undertaking. At the same time it should be noted that the Rhymney Railway company independently gave notice of a bill which they will promote for certain extensions of two short branches in the parishes of Eglwysilan and Llanfabon. and for running powers over portions of the Taff Vale railway, the Pontypridd, Caerphilly and Newport railway, and the Great Western. NEW RAILWAY .- Another impor-

tant proposal brought forward by the Bute company is that they shall be empowered to construct a railway from their dock at Cardiff to a point near Bassaleg on the Western Valley's branch of the Creat Western line in Monmouthshire. The purpose of this venture is to bring Monmouthshire coal to Cardiff for shipment. It is hard adjacent to the Roath branch. to reconcile the scheme with that of a new main line, seeing that the latter would effect the same purpose in the interest of Bute docks. How the Bute Docks company could prevent dock rivals is not easily understood. Opposition to the Great Western company in this form would naturally have effect tween that great corporation and the two dock owning companies, Taff and Barry, and this could be scarcely to the profit of the Bute. Doubtless, howsufficient reasons for the action they

interesting feature of the Bute Dock company's proposals is that the company desires to obtain powers for closing the Glamorgan and Aberdeen canals and converting "these into rallroads. The company seeks to obtain runnig powers over the Taff Vale. Rhymney. Great Western, Brecon and Merthyr, the Pontypridd, Caerphilly and Newport, the London and Northwestern and other railways. They desire to be enabled to enter into working and other agreements both with these companies by that the men constituting the musiand with the Rhondda and Swansea cal committee possess fine discrimina Bay and Midland companies. At present the Glamorgan and Aberdare canal chief schemes now in progress is that navigations are estensibly the propput forward by the Bute Dock com- erty of independent companies, but it pany, providing for the dissolution of is understood that the Marquis of Bute cipal test pieces are not only standard Rhymney Railroad company as holds the controlling power, being by such, and its incorporation with the far the largest shareholder in the Gla-Dock company; also to authorize an inorgan canal company. It is proposed exceedingly melodious, soul-stirring and ture of singularly original and profound agreement between the Rhymney combat that that portion of the Giamorgan captivating. "The Tempest," for incharacter, more preoccupied, perhaps,

CANAL CLOSING .- Another most

liamentary notice has also an outline of nearly twenty miles small branches either to other local railways or which

TAFF VALE.-The Taff Vale rallway company purpose during the forthcoming parliamentary sesion to promote a bill for very important extensions of their undertaking. They desire to conpridd northward, so as to form a junction with their Llancaiach branch. They will also extend it southward in order to effect a junction with the Pontypridd. Caerphilly and Newport line. Th be a railway running around the Eglwysilan mountain, upon which the Pontypridd common is situate, and exand around the elbow into the Taff valley near Clyntaff cemeter,. This will Cilfynydd and the Glyntaff districts, and prompt access to Pontypridd. The want of pasenger service from Nelson to Clifynydd and Pontypridd, as well as the lack of any acommodation from Cilfynydd to the metropolis of the valleys has been urgently pressed upon the are anxious to meet the want. The scheme wil also afford duplicate accommodation for mineral traffic from the Dowlars pits at Aberdare junction. thus relieving the main line.

PONTYPRIDDSTATION,-The great pressure of traffic at Pontypridd makes t the intention of the company to exercise powers they already possess for the laying of two additional lines of railway through the Pontypridd station, which course will involve the enlargement of the present premises. The new bill would confer upon the company powers to acquire additional lands in the parish of Whitchurch for the ex-

TUNNEL UNDER THE ELY.-Suggestions have been made for the provision of more economical approaches to Penarth Dock from Cardiff, and in their new bill the Taff Vale Railway company have inserted clauses which would empower them to construct a in creating a good understanding be- tunnel or a subway under the river Ely. so as to give additional accommoda tion for traffic between the Penarth Dock and Cardiff. Should the tunnel be made sufficiently large for vehicular ever, the latter have their own, and travel it will save a distnce of a mile between the dock and the town. The bill has another important feature in that it deals with the long-standing dispute between the Barry and the Taff companies in respect of the famous "lowest rate per ton per mile" question

The Robert Morris Lodge Eisteddfod. In looking over the several programmes of the many Eisteddfodau that are to be held in 1896, none can be compared, in literary or musical interest, with the programme that has been presented by the Robert Morris Lodge of Ivorites. The selections in the musical department demonstrate very plaintive skill, culture and taste. They also possess better white matter under their hats than is usually found in members of Eisteddfodical committees. The prin selections from the higher compositions of eminent musicians, but they are also

prize glee, which will always awaken of an almost religious sincerity the a thriling response in every heart. It most changing aspects of the modern is a descriptive selection, varying in mind. It is a small country, the land of sentiment and feeling. It consists of Wales, at first sight wild and rough—trains for every mood and heart—"for "Wild Wales," as the English call it. the joy that clamors for expression in melody, and the sorrow that is soothed by the mysterious industrial southed by the mysterious industrial southed trates it! Above all how much peneby the mysterious influence of music." The grave, the pathetic, the cheerful and buoyant, the descriptive and the devout—all the emotions here have voice an expression. "On the Sea," by Dudley Buck, for male choruses. To manifest the standard character of the chorus it is only needful to mention the name of the distinguished composer-Dudley Buck-the foremost American writer of music. It is a robust and soulstirring four-part song, written in the great composer's most dramatic sayle. "Night of Joy," Blue Danube Waltz, by Strauss. This is a charming selection for a ladies' chorus. It could not be otherwise from the gifted pen of such a master. The entrancing melody sung beneath the sunny skies of Germany does not lose its charm when transferred to the hills and valleys of America. The Radiant Morn" is a quartette for mixed voices, by our favorite home composer, T. J. Davies, Mus. Bach. Its lights and shadows constantly charm the ear. The melody is beautiful, and is one of the finest efforts of the talented composer. The programme is a rich casket of genuine, soul-stirring, impressive and entertaining music-magnificent gems, every one of which is placed on the programme because of their charming beauty and intrinsic worth It is to be hoped that the singers will not enter the competition half prepared. This is an excellent opportunity for the higher class competitors to establish their splendid capabilities. A better programme has never been presented; let the singers demonstrate substantially what Welsh choristers are capable of accomplishing. 'The prizes offered demand work of a superior order. Let the best material be organized in the different musical sections of the county and give the competitive selec- nity of his life, the pen having always tions their undivided attention from now until the day of the competition, and we wil not be ashamed of the result. The singing on this occasion should not be second-rate by any means. The house in which the Eisteddfod is to be held is one of the finest in the country. perfect in its acoustics, with a large stage elegantly adapted for such a purpose. The committee is to be highly complimented on their selection of such a royal house to hold their first annual Eisteddfod. It was a march in the right direction. The subjects in the literary department are par excellent, and will bring forth efforts of master writers. The Tribune and the other newspapers have been exceedingly happy in their selections of subjects. They will reap a rich harvest. The adjudicators in this department are gentiemen of high literary repute, ripe judgment, great experience and unquestionable integrity. Quaint and honest Ben Pratt, of

tidious competitor is hereby satisfied. French Estimate of Wales and Her Great Novelist.

Republican, will weigh the merits of the

English esay on the "New Woman, the erudite editor of The Tribune wil pro-

nounce his judgment on the original

story, and the eloquent Judge Edwards,

of Eisteddfodical renown, will adjudi-cate the original poetry. The most fas-

The "Journal des Debats," of November, has the following to say of Wales and her great novelist: "One knows merely that there exists a Welsh literapany, the Marquis of Bute, the Bute canal which extends from Melingriffin stance, by Dr. Joseph Parry. This is a than any other in fixing in its notations

forms of life one finds there! In no part of the world will one find a custure at once stronger and freer, or amongst Not a Liberal reform has been accomplished in England in the course of thi century of which the Welsh have not at the commencement set the example by realizing it at home by their personal resources and their own activity. A democratic sentiment, powerful and science of this robust little nation. And it is also this spirit which impregnates the whole of their literature, and which has found in the late Daniel Owen, according to the opinion of competent judges, its most faithful, perspicacious and eloquent interpreter. It is not that novelist was large; he would make but a poor figure by the side of the enoralthough, be it said in passing, the works which he composed have been propogated, as those of M. Zola, to some thousands and thousands of copies. The spirit of the whole nation is embodied in the work of Daniel Owen in one powerful abridgement; it is only to be seen to be recognized. What higher praise of any writer do you know it? No one more than Daniel Owen has been a prophet in his own country. As soon as you put your foot in Wales, in every house the same recommendation was expressed: 'Be sure not to leave without having visited Daniel Owen, our great novelist.' Long before Tolsti had preached the regeneration of manking by manual labor Daniel Owen had applied the method on his own account, without doing so, it is true, in theory, and simply because it assured the digseemed to him an instrument of beauty. and not of lucre. Not one of the least singularities of this remarkable man was the absence of all literary pose. It had not occurred to him to open to his reputaion a field more vast; if he had writen in English his books and his came would have gained by the universality of that language. He preferred to remain faithful to the national idiom. It was sufficient for him that he had raised to the literature of his country an imperishable monument. His ambition never went further. At his obsequies the whole of Wales was represented. The principal towns of England even in a spirit of unanimity, sent delegates to the ceremony. The tailor novelist of Mold had, it appears, the most imposing of funerals. He sleeps now in the cemetery of his native town, in the midst of the familiar surroundings. Of all the speeches which have been pro-

nounced, of all the epitaphs which have been read over his tomb, I will only cite that phrase wherein is said so 'What Walter Scott was fo Scotland, Daniel Owens was for Wales. Linndudno National Eisteddfod The great choral competition at Da dudno Eisteddfodd promises to be veritable battle of giants. The pri offered is two thousand guineas and present to the successful conductor an English silver lever watch. The te pieces are two, to be selected from t' following three: "Trip we glad": the green" (Jenkins, "Dewi Sant"):

"When His Loud voice in thunder

spake" (Jeptha), and "How sweet the

moonlight sleeps" (Leslie), unaccom-

panied in the contest. It is confidently stated that two Yorkshire choirs (Leeds and Huddersfield)) will enter, while at Carnarvon Mr. John Williams, organist of Christ church, and winner of many a famous choral victory, is organizing town choir. Perhaps, however, the most formidable competitor the five South Wales choirs, which are looked upon as certain to enter, wil have to narvon District choir, to be made up of picked voices from Bangor, Carnarvon, after the fashion of the famous Arvonia Male Voice choir, and which wil be conducted by Dr. Roland Rogers. The strength of the competing choirs is fixed at from 150 to 180 voices. Historical Notes.

The Welsh hymn, "Wrth gofio'i rudd-fanau'n yr Ardd," was written by a lacksmith named Thomas Lewis, Tal ley, Carmarthenshire. It is not known

that he composed any other, New honors for our Welsh vocalists Mr. Bernard Althano, of London, has just given to the public a pretty little song called "Too Late," which is specially dedicated to Miss Maggie Edwards, the very promising young contralto from Penygraig, who recently sang at Mr. Ivor Foster's benefit concert.

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of fashion. In the chief choral compe tition at the Swansea Christmas eisteddofd the prize for the successful conductor is a Swedish smoking chair. It is understood that by this time most Welsh choir conductors have enbatons to prop up four beds of dwarf The fast Welsh newspaper appears

to have been published at Llwynllispod in 1770, and was called the Eurgrawn. It only existed two months, The next was published at Trefecca in 1793 by the Rev. Morgan Rhys, but for the want of readers and subscribers this also terminated its career in twelve months exactly from the date of its

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