

Sheep Stealing: On the night of Saturday, the 26th ult, or early on the following morning, a Down Teg Sheep was killed and carried off from a field on Black Hill Farm, in the parish of Purton, the property of **J.H.S. SADLER** Esq. A reward of five pounds has been offered for information as will lead to the conviction of the offender or offenders.

Source: Swindon Advertiser & North Wilts Chronicle, 04 Jun 1855

Freak of Nature: A hare, with two bodies and eight legs but with one head and one tail has just been captured on the farm of Mr **CURNICK** near Hungerford. This curious animal has been placed in the hands of a competent person for preservation.

Source: Swindon Advertiser & North Wilts Chronicle, 29 Sep 1856

Always getting ready: An old maid recently died leaving property to the value of 18 thousand pounds. She was, all her life, getting ready to be married and had stored up:- 132 Sheets; 63 Coverlets; 50 Blankets; 27 Beds with 1,120 pounds of feathers; 54 pillows; 53 Handkerchieves and numerous other articles. (Morning Advertiser)

Source: Swindon Advertiser & North Wilts Chronicle, 10 Aug 1857

Cricket Match: On Tuesday, the 11th July, a well contested match at cricket was played in the cricket ground, New Swindon, between the Trowbridge Club and The Great Western Eleven. It having been arranged that the stumps should be drawn at six o'clock and the game not having been played out by that time, the game was decided by the first innings. The weather was very favourable. The refreshments were provided by Mr **R.J. PHILLIPS** of the Queen's Royal Hotel.

Source: Swindon Advertiser & North Wilts Chronicle, 24 Jul 1854, Page 6