



## The Rowde Estate

The sale of the property known as "Rowde Estate" took place at the Bear Hotel on Tuesday afternoon, under the hammer of that well-known auctioneer, Mr. Frederick Ellen, of Andover, and the result must have been alike satisfactory to the auctioneer and to the owners of the property. The Estate in question, which is 312 acres in extent: stated to produce a net annual rental of about £1000, is remarkably compact, and consists almost entirely of pasture lands. It was acquired by the late Thomas Hughes, Esq., banker, of Devizes, in a series of small purchases, and the deaths of the several members of the late Mr. Hughes's family has brought the property into the market for division. There was a very large attendance at the sale, many of those present being, it was understood, intending purchasers, - if the property did not sell as a whole, - of some one or more of the lots into which it would have been otherwise divided. Lot one was started at £20,000, and, after a brisk and spirited competition, it was speedily run up to £27,000, at which price it was knocked down to Mr. Parsons, agent for Lord Portman. Lot two, a piece of arable land measuring 8 acres in extent, was started at £500, and ultimately knocked down to Mr. Weaver at £800, for, it was understood, Mr. Colston. The freehold cottage and garden situate close to the prison bridge, in the occupation of and belonging to Mr. James Eades, was next put up and bought in at £300. Some minor cottage property and life insurances at Cheverell and Chirton were also consigned to the hammer, and fetched satisfactory prices.

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