



Charge of Arson

John James Couzens, baker and postmaster, of Berwick Bassett, surrendered to his bail, before the Swindon magistrates on Saturday, on a charge of arson, the allegation being that he wilfully set fire to premises in his occupation at Bushton, on September 27th. The premises were insured for £550. Damage was done to the extent of £275. The Chairman said the Bench were unanimously of opinion that the case should go for trial. Prisoner having been cautioned, a statement was made on his behalf that he was not guilty and could account for his whereabouts on the night in question. He reserved his defence. Bail was allowed - prisoner in £50 and in two other sureties £25 each.

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