



Crime and Punishment

Berwick Bassett

Taxi Owner Fined for Using a Vehicle for Private Work

Mrs Ethel Ellwood, of Ruskin House, Bradford Abbas, Sherbourne, was summoned at Devizes Police Court for using a motor-vehicle for a purpose making it liable for a higher rate of taxation, and was fined 1 pound.

Mr W L Hey said the car, licensed as a hackney carriage, carried a tax of 10 pounds a year but if licensed as a private car would have been taxed at 18 pounds. A hackney licensed vehicle could not be used for the holder's private purpose or to convey his goods.

Insp. Wright said he saw the vehicle outside the brewery at Devizes, and from it cases containing beer bottles were removed into the brewery. The bottles had come from the Boot Inn, Berwick Bassett, of which Mrs Ellwood's husband was the proprietor.

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