



Crime News

Bishopstone

1881

Swindon Police Court, Thursday

Stealing Turnips

Amos Bishop, 40, **Geo. Povey**, 59 and **Robert Giddings**, 62 all labourers of Bishopstone, were charged with stealing turnips from the farm of Mr. J. Williams, Bishopstone. Mr. Williams said his turnips had been pilfered all the year. On Saturday night he was driving from Baydon, when he saw the defendants helping themselves. Giddings was very saucy. These petty thefts, Mr. Williams said, were becoming so annoying in the village that he hoped the Bench would make an example of the present defendants. It was not only the loss of the few turnips carried away he had to complain of, but the fellows about Bishopstone were so choice that they pulled up a dozen and examined them before they found one to suit their tooth.

P.C. Read produced the defendant's baskets, each containing more than half a dozen large turnips. Prosecutor said he had been informed that Bishop had a large family and a very sick wife, therefore he hoped the Bench would take this into consideration.

The Bench fined Povey and Bishop 5s. and 8s. 8d. costs each, and committed Giddings for 14 days, without the option of a fine, in addition to ordering him to pay the costs.

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