



Sad Case of Drowning

On Thursday morning last, an old man named Thomas Ovens, who for many years past has been an inmate of the Malmesbury Workhouse, was found dead in a ditch near Murcott Farm, in the parish of Crudwell.

It appears that deceased was seen about 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday by Mr. John Maskelyne, Jnr., of Hankerton. He was lying in the road. Mr. Maskelyne, assisted him up, when he went in the direction of Murcotts, and is supposed to have tried to open a gate to get into a stall for the night, and must have fallen into the ditch.

The poor old man, although an inmate of the workhouse, was allowed by the guardians to go out and attend cattle, more particularly cows, he being considered skilful as a veterinary amongst dairy stock.

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