

# Crime and Punishment

*Hankerton*



## **Trial of Charles Gleed**

Charles Gleed, a labouring man, of Hankerton (who did not appear) was summoned by Enoch Woodward, labourer of the same place, for unlawfully assaulting and beating him at Charlton on the 14<sup>th</sup> October. Defendant's wife appeared. Plaintiff said on Sunday night, 14<sup>th</sup> October, he was at the Horse and Groom Inn, Charlton, with others, where he saw defendant. They both had some beer. On coming out, without exchanging a word, defendant struck him a blow on the nose, exclaiming, "That's one for thee." The blow knocked him across the road and made his nose bleed. He had not said a word to defendant. After the assault, he told defendant he should summon him, and communicated with the police. On being questioned by the Bench, defendant's wife said her husband and complainant had agreed to come to terms out of court, and her husband was sorry he committed the assault, but he did it in a hurry. (Laughter.) Superintendent Collett handed in a previous conviction, and defendant was fined 13s including costs, and allowed a fortnight.

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