

Lea



Labourer Sets Wire For Hare

Malmesbury Petty Sessions- Magistrates' Clerk's Office, 9th January. Before Henry Wightwick, and G.A. Biedermann, clerks.

Edwin Hitchings, of Lea, labourer, was brought up in custody, charged with wiring a hare yesterday, (Sunday). Thomas Shellum proved that between 7 and 8 o'clock, he went to Mr John Buckland's farm, at Garsdon, and observing a wire placed in the hedge, he watched to see who would come to it; between 9 and 10 the prisoner came and took up the wire, and witness instantly seized him; there was another wire placed further along; fined £4, and for default committed to the House of Correction with hard labour for 2 calendar months. This lad was not above 17, and his defence was, that he had no work for two months past, nor his father.

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