



# Crime and Punishment

## *Oaksey*

### **Court Case**

#### **Walter Biggs and Percy Gleed**

In fining Walter Biggs, of Oaksey, £5, and Percy Gleed £3, for assaulting and beating Alfred Ernest Hill, a Cirencester referee, at Stratton, on March 17, the Chairman of the Cirencester magistrates (Mr A L Elwes) yesterday said that the case was the most disgraceful one that had ever come before the Court.

He intimated that future defendants in similar cases appearing at that Court were not likely to have the option of a fine.

It appeared that Biggs and Gleed took offence against Hill for stopping the match between Stratton and Crudwell, because Biggs (who with Gleed is a member of the Crudwell Club) refused to leave the field when requested to do so. When Hill was cycling home they met him, and Gleed shook him from his bicycle, while Biggs struck him in the face with such force that he was unable to follow his employment as a carpenter for over a fortnight, and was still receiving medical treatment.

Mr W H Taylor (Messrs Wansborough and Co, Bristol) prosecuted on behalf of the Wilts Football Association.

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