



Crime and Punishment

Oaksey

Court Case

James Renton

James Renton, motor lorry driver, of Oaksey, was summoned for driving a motor lorry without due care and attention at Cirencester on October 3.

Renton did not appear, and after hearing the evidence for the prosecution, his case was adjourned for a week. The magistrates agreed to the application of Inspector Newman that Renton should pay the prosecutor's witness' costs.

George Mason, a wireless operator, of Victoria-road, Cirencester, said that at 6.15 pm on October 3 he was riding a motorcycle down Tetbury-road, Cirencester, and was following about 15 yards behind Renton. As Renton's lorry approached the Sheep-street and Castle-street junction, it pulled on to the proper side of the road as though it were stopping. When witness was about to pass, defendant swung his lorry quickly to the right.

Renton gave no warning, and he (witness) had no chance of avoiding a collision.

Witness said that he received no injury and only slight damage was done to his motorcycle.

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James Renton, of Oaksey, was fined £1 and ordered to pay 17s costs, and had his licence endorsed, for driving a motor-lorry without due care and attention at Cirencester on October 3.

The case was a sequel to a collision between defendant's lorry and a motorcyclist at the junction of Tetbury-road and Sheep-street, it being alleged by the prosecution that Renton gave no warning of his intention to turn into Sheep-street, and that in consequence the motorcyclist collided with defendant's lorry.

Evidence for the prosecution was given last week, but as defendant did not appear the magistrates decided to adjourn the case for the attendance of Renton before giving a decision.

Renton now appeared, and explained that his absence from the court a week ago was because he was doing national work. He said he did not see the motorcyclist.

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