



# Crime and Punishment

## *Oaksey*

### **Court Case**

#### **Lewis Jones**

Lewis Jones, a cowman, of Crudwell, was charged with stealing a small parcel of groceries from, a cart at Crudwell, on Saturday night, the property of Chas Woodward, of Oaksey.

Mr Woodward stated that he bought the groceries at a shop at Crudwell, and put them into his trap, and drove to the Plough Inn. He went into the inn and remained for half an hour, and when he came out the parcel was gone.

Someone told him they saw the prisoner looking into the trap, and he went to the prisoner's house, and after a little conversation, the prisoner admitted that he had the parcel, and had taken it in a joke. Mr Woodward then went back to the Plough Inn, and there he saw PC Fisher, to whom he gave information, and they both went towards the prisoner's house, and met him on the way with the parcel, but said he only took it in a joke, and thought no harm of it.

The prisoner now admitted the offence, and expressed his regret for what had occurred. His employer gave him an excellent character, and so did PC Fisher.

The Bench expressed a hope that this would be a warning to him not to joke for the future, and sentenced him to 24 hours' imprisonment in the cells at Malmesbury police station.

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