



Crime and Punishment

Oaksey

Court Case

H Street, W Townsend, R Morse and J Beale

At Cirencester Police-station on Wednesday afternoon, before Mr W H Cole.

Harry Street (23), William Townsend (22), labourers, of Somerford Keynes, Richard Morse (22), labourer, of Ashton Keynes and James Beale (22), labourer, of Oaksey, were charged with stealing from the Three Compasses Inn, Cirencester, on Monday night a 4½ gallon barrel of stout, the property of Messrs Godsell and Sons, brewers, of Stroud.

Supt Selwood said that the first three men were arrested on Tuesday night, and Beale on Wednesday morning. The barrel of stout, which was the subject of the charge, was left at the Three Compasses Inn, there to await a carrier. The young men left the inn at eleven o'clock at night, and were seen to take away the barrel, which was found in a field near the Cirencester Cemetery. The barrel was empty when found. The men either drank the whole of it, or else drank a large quantity and wasted the remainder. He (Supt Selwood) asked that the prisoners be released until next Monday's Petty Sessions.

Asked by Mr Cole if they had any objection to a remand until Monday, all the prisoners replied "No". Townsend turned to Supt Selwood and remarked that he ought to arrest the other chap, Harris, because he tapped the barrel. He must have been there, as he lost his cap.

The remand was granted.

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