



The Purton Murder

The Purton murder. At a special sitting of the Cricklade magistrates, on Tuesday, Henry Harman, factory labourer, of Swindon, was brought up on remand charged with the willful murder of Joseph Grimes, at Purton, on the 17th of January. There were only two additional witnesses called, and those to contradict a statement of the prisoner's that on the day of the murder he went to Cricklade to see a man named Messenger, who owed him some money. It was shown this man left the neighbourhood some months before. The Bench committed the prisoner to take his trial at the next Wilts Assize.

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OPC Note:-

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