



STEALING A BICYCLE LAMP

Albert Painter, farm labourer, of Penhill Farm, Stratton, was charged with stealing a bicycle lamp, the value of 15s, the property of Albert Barnes, at Upper Stratton, on December 18th, and William Cheaney, another farm labourer, of Penhill farm, was charged with receiving the same. Both defendants pleaded guilty.

Albert Barnes, of the "Bakers Arms," Upper Stratton, said that on December 18th he left his bicycle in the yard. He missed his lamp from his bicycle when he went for it at 10 p.m. He had never seen the defendants.

P.C. Smith said he received information from the prosecutor and made inquiries. He saw Cheaney, who at first said he knew nothing about it, but later said he had the lamp at home; it was given to him by Painter. Witness afterwards saw Painter and then confronted the two defendants. Both then admitted that they went to the "Baker's Arms" together. They saw a lamp on a bicycle and Painter took it and gave it to Cheaney.

The chairman told defendants they had pleaded guilty to a barefaced robbery. They would each have to go to gaol for 14 days.

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