

Crime and Punishment

Upton Lovell



Geo. Topp, labourer, of Upton Lovell, was convicted of being a rogue and a vagabond, having left his wife and family chargeable to the common fund of the Warminster Union since January 1869. Mr Ravenhill, who appeared for the prosecution, called Supt. Abbott, of Warminster, who proved that the prisoner had been four times previously convicted of a similar offence, and each time, it appeared, he had been apprehended at Winchester. The Court sentenced him to four months' hard labour, and told him that if he was brought up again on a similar charge his punishment would be much more severe, and would in all probability include a whipping with the "cat."

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