



Assault by John Avenell upon W. Lester

Swindon Police Court, Thursday

Before A. L. Goddard, Esq. (Chairman), D. Archer Esq., C. Wykeham-Martin Esq., and A. D. Hussey-Freke, Esq.

Assault at Wanborough

John Avenell, labourer, of Wanborough, was summoned charged with assaulting W. Lester, greengrocer, of Wanborough, on July 13th.

Prosecutor said that on the day in question he was going along the road at Wanborough towards Wanborough Mill, when the defendant came along and charged him with having kept his son from school, and then struck him two or three times. Witness did not give the slightest provocation for the assault. Mary Ann Nash was called by the prosecutor. This witness deposed that she saw defendant strike prosecutor.

Asked by Mr. Hussey-Freke if any bad language was used, witness replied she "was not near enough to see that". Witness was about 250 yards from where the assault took place.

Whilst admitting having committed the assault, defendant said prosecutor had kept his (defendant's) son away from school, having been employing him, and the result was that he had been served with a summons by the Wanborough School Board.

The Bench fined defendant £1, and 14s. costs: in default, one month's imprisonment.

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