

LIVERPOOL POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, MAY 10.

BEFORE MR. RAFFLES.

ALLEGED FRAUDULENT SALE.—George Vernon, alias Webster, was charged on remand with having obtained £18 by false pretences from Matthew Allison Brown, teamowner, Windsor-street. Mr. Copeman prosecuted, and the prisoner was defended by Mr. Neale. The prosecutor stated that in reply to an advertisement which he saw on the 1st May he called on the prisoner at 7, Admiral-street, and went with him to a stable in Ross-street, where he offered him a horse for sale. The price asked was £24, and the prisoner described the animal as an excellent worker, and "everything that a man could desire." It was arranged that the prosecutor should pay for it £18 down, and £5 in a week afterwards, and he received a written guarantee from the prisoner, who agreed to receive the horse back if it did not give satisfaction. The prosecutor tested the animal the same night, and said he found it to be utterly useless, being fit only for the knacker's yard. On the 12th May the prisoner was arrested by Detective Wilde, and in answer to the charge exclaimed, "There's no guano about it. I'll pay him the money back, if he likes." There was a further charge against him of having feloniously received a watch, of the value of 4s, which had been stolen from Patrick Lynch, a Wigan labourer, in a public house in Richmond-row, on the 30th April. The watch was found in the prisoner's possession, and he said he was the owner of it. He was committed for trial on both charges.

SCHOOL BOARD PROSECUTIONS.—The following persons were fined in sums of 1s. to 5s. for neglecting to send their children to school:—William Toplis, 29, Southfield-street; Richard Horton, 17, Eastwood-street; William Wilson, 93, Chatsworth-street; William Wall, 72, St. Arnaud-street; James Caryl, 29, Claypole-street; John Evans, 9, Palmerston-street; Thomas Atherton, 2 court, Duckinfield-street; Mary Lougust, 12, Leander-street; Mary M'Gregor, 11, Bittern-street; Ellen Knott, 20 court, Rathbone-street; Richard Jones, 20, Egypt-street; Mary J. Williams, 38, Duckinfield-street; Bridget Meakin, 14, St. Andrew-street; Harriet Goodwin, 15, Lissant-street; James Ellis, 3 court, St. Andrew-street; William Harold, 19, Great Newton-street; Thomas Sherrie, 3 court, Pembroke-gardens; Bernard M'Cusker, 21, Caryl-street; James Coward, 23, Back Rathbone-street; James Mackrell, 33, Kitchen-street; John M'Coy, 15 court, Norfolk-street; Jackson Carter, 53, Upper Pitt-street; Patrick Brown, 8, Newhall-street; Francis Grue, 17, Ashwell-street; Patrick Higgins, 1 court, Gilbert-street; Mary Cowley, 34, Simpson-street; Ellen Meekin, 29, Roscoe-lane; John Boyle, 6 court, Henry-street; Thomas Twiddle, 15A, Back Colquhoun-street; George Richardson, 1 court, Highgate-street; Moses Burns, 31, Lowwood-street; Alexander Moore, 1 court, Shimmin-street; Henry Richards, 106, Limekiln-lane; Joseph Lester, 33, Garibaldi-street; John Roberts, 71, Goldsmith-street; Anthony Metcalfe, 2 court, Graham-place. In 26 cases the summonses were withdrawn on payment of the costs.

BEFORE MESSRS. W. OULTON AND MALCOLM GUTHRIE.

CRUELTY CASES.—George Aiken, a donkey driver, Maguire-street, was brought up on a warrant and charged with cruelly kicking and beating a donkey. He had previously undergone imprisonment for a similar offence, and the magistrates again sentenced him to seven days' imprisonment with hard labour.—Mathea Davidson, cab proprietor, Corless-street, Kirkdale, was summoned on two informations for cruelly beating and working a lame horse. He was fined 40s. and costs in one case and 20s. and costs in the other.—John Henry Skinner, cartowner, Upper Harrington-street, was fined 10s. and costs for working a lame horse.—William Goss, carter, and Edward Cate, teamowner, Wilbraham-street, were fined 2s. 6d. and costs and 1s. and costs for sending a horse to work with a sore back.—Richard Mottram, donkey driver, Dryden-street, was fined 5s. and costs for beating and kicking a donkey.—The offences were proved by Inspectors Raymond and Lockwood, of the R.S.P.C.A., and the city police, Mr. Moran attending in support of the informations.

BOOTLE POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, MAY 10.

BEFORE MR. T. P. DANSON, MR. J. QUINN, AND MR. J. CRIPPS.

EXTRAORDINARY THEFT.—Two young men, named William Henry Spencer and Robert Fort, were brought up in custody charged with having, on the 21st of October, 1882, stolen £6 10s. in money and an ornamental valued at a sovereign, the property of John William Alderson, a milkdealer, of Brookhill-road. Mr. Superintendent Walsh, who conducted the case, stated that the prisoners were employed by the prosecutor on the day stated to sell milk, and each were given a sovereign for change. Sometime during the day Spencer went to Mrs. Alderson, and said that Mr. Alderson had sent him for £2 to pay an account. She gave him the money and he went away. As prisoners did not return, information was given to the police, and they were followed by him to several places in Yorkshire, and at last to Salmesbury, near Blackburn, where they were arrested, and brought to Bootle. The coat, which had been placed in a satchel belonging to the prosecutor, was also missed, and the money that they got by selling the milk amounted to about £2 10s., which they also took. Witnesses were called who proved these statements, and the prisoners, in answer to the charge, pleaded guilty, and were each sent to goal for three months with hard labour.

AN OLD OFFENDER.—John Glone, 35, Christopher-street, Kirkdale, was charged with having been found in enclosed premises for an unlawful purpose. Police-constable 108 stated that about 1.30 on Thursday morning he found the prisoner in a new building in Stanier and took him into custody. Superintendent Walsh said that prisoner had been no less than 25 times previously convicted for various offences. The magistrates sent prisoner to jail for one month with hard labour.

BIRKENHEAD POLICE COURT.

THURSDAY, MAY 10.

BEFORE MR. PRESTON.

THE CHARGE OF STEALING A POSTOFFICE ORDER.—Mary Ellen Platt, 13½ years of age, was brought up on remand charged with stealing a postoffice order for £2 10s. and 2s. in money, belonging to Miss Goodridge, of Elgin-street, under circumstances already stated.—Superintendent Clarke said that on inquiry it had been found that the prisoner was very artful and untrustful, and that the house she had stopped at in Manchester was occupied by disreputable characters.—The Magistrate then remanded the prisoner till Monday next, with a view of placing her in a suitable home.

BIRKENHEAD COUNTY MAGISTRATES' COURT.

THURSDAY, MAY 10.

BEFORE MESSRS. J. R. SEAW AND A. HUTTON.

INFRINGING THE WILD BIRDS' PRESERVATION ACT.—Mary Banks, the wife of a farmer at Great Meads, was summoned for infringing the provisions of the Wild Birds' Preservation Act. The case was proved by Inspector Thompson, of the Birkenhead branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who stated that on the 20th ultimo he saw the defendant laying a snare of the description called a "pantail," about 150 yards in length, in a field. Afterwards, on proceeding to the spot, and raising the snare, he found that a brown linnet had been killed. The witness added that if a lark had been killed, the defendant would have been liable to the full penalty.—The defendant was fined 7s. 6d. and costs.

ASSAULT ON A RAILWAY STATIONMASTER.—John Tomkins, a labourer, was summoned for assaulting Thomas Ernest Wheatcroft, stationmaster at West Kirby. Mr. Thompson appeared for the prosecution. It was stated that on the 28th ult. the defendant was a passenger on the last train to West Kirby. He was tipsy, and would not give up his ticket without a great deal of trouble. Whilst the defendant was being put off the platform he made several blows at the complainant, and used abusive language. The defendant was fined 5s. and costs, or in default of payment, to be imprisoned one month.

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