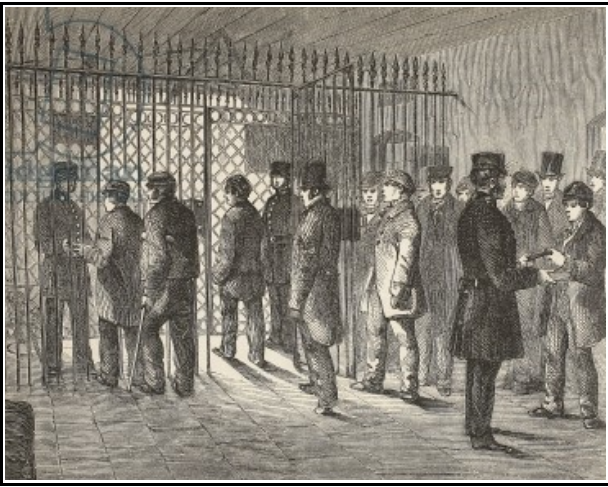


Crime and Punishment

Bishops Cannings



Illegal Cock Fighting

1921

23 Apr 1921 - COCK-FIGHTING.

Evidently cock fighting is not altogether a thing of the past as is generally supposed. At Devizes (England) Petty Sessions on 10th March, George Giddings Ruddle, a gentleman farmer of Horton, Bishop's Cannings, Wilts, was fined the full penalty of £25 and £5 costs for keeping a cock pit. Proceedings were instituted by the RSPCA and evidence showed that fighting had been carried on secretly in the district for several years. The bouts were attended by a considerable number of the sporting fraternity, some of the spectators arriving in motor cars. Thirty cocks, and blood and feathers were found on defendant's premises when raided.

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