



Crime and Punishment

Oaksey

Court Case

Thomas Pendlebury

A crossroads collision resulted in Thomas Pendlebury, of Wick Lane, Oaksey, being charged with driving without care and attention, at Cirencester on Wednesday. He pleaded not guilty.

George Joshua Freeman, of Woodmancote Manor Farm, said that at 11.30 am on April 4 he was driving his car along the Chesterton Lane-road at Cirencester, going towards Watermoor. Approaching the Somerford-road crossing he was going at a speed of between 10 and 15 mph, on his proper side.

Just as he was coming to the crossing he saw a car coming up the incline along Somerford-road. There was a collision. Pendlebury seemed to be trying very hard to get in front of the car driven by witness.

Evidence was also given by Lawrence Hillier, a gardener, of Apsley-road, Chesterton, and by Albert Barnes, of Bisley-road, Stroud, who said he was visiting the locality for the first time.

Replying to Mr J W Whiteman, for Pendlebury, Barnes was understood to say, that in his opinion, it was Mr Freeman's car that caused the accident.

Pendlebury stated that during 30 years of driving there had been no previous complaint. When he approached this crossing, which he used almost daily, he slowed down, sounded his horn, and dropped into second gear, doing about 15 mph.

The view of the Chesterton-lane road was partly obscured by a wall and some trees, and he did not see the other car until the impact occurred. There was plenty of room for Freeman's car to have passed behind his car. He had got practically on to the crossing before he saw anything of the other car.

Supporting evidence was given by Alan James Taylor, who was sitting alongside defendant at the time.

Witness, who had had some 14 years' experience as a chauffeur, considered that Pendlebury took the corner carefully.

The Bench having retired, the Chairman (Capt Foyle Fawcett) said that while it was agreed that the crossing was an awkward one, defendant was on the minor road and should have given way to the other driver. There would be a fine of £1, with 25s 6d costs, and licence endorsed.

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