



Crime News - Assault

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Assault by George Bailey

SWINDON POLICE COURT
Thursday

George Bailey, drayman of Newport Street, Swindon, was charged with assaulting David Sawyer, of Bishopstone, on the 20th inst.

Complainant is a watercress grower at Bishopstone, and it seems as been in the habit of giving the defendant some cress. On Tuesday he went into Mr. Rowly's yard, where defendant was employed. An altercation ensued in consequence of complainant accusing defendant and his friends of taking cress, when defendant struck complainant a blow in his mouth "putting him off to sleep in about a minute" as complainant put it, and cutting his lip through.

The defendant said Sawyer was the aggressor, having struck the first blow, and a witness swore that he saw complainant pull his coat off before he was struck. After the first blow Sawyer kicked the defendant, then he was knocked down amongst the casks, " and that ended it".

The Bench dismissed the charge, and ordered Sawyer to pay 5s 6d costs.

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