

Charge of Attempting to Commit Suicide

At County Police Court yesterday (Thursday) before Mr. J. H. Jacob and Colonel Everett; William Wort, an old man, one of the brethren of St. Nicholas Hospital, East Harnham was charged with attempting to commit suicide.

Defendant was seen on Sunday morning last, to go into a field where there was a ditch, strike himself violently with a hammer and then put his head under the water.

George Trollope rescued him, with the hammer still in his hand.

Dr. Lee said the old man had partial sunstroke and was not responsible for his actions.

The charge was dismissed and the old man ordered to be sent to an asylum.

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