



Poaching at Durrington

Sarum County Sessions - Tuesday

Percy Pearce and Edwin Keel, young men of Durrington, were summoned for a similar offence (for trespassing in search of rabbits) at Durrington on Sunday, October 18th. Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Thomas Reeves, gamekeeper to Sir Edmund Antrobus, said that he saw the defendants engaged in a rabbit's burrow. They had their bicycles near, and when they saw him coming they jumped on and rode away, leaving a basket with 21 rabbit nets, two rabbits, and a ferret line. Both the defendants denied being there. Lewis Pearce, brother of one of the defendants, said his brother was with him in Bulford the same morning about 9.40 without his bicycle. Supt. Longstone said there were three previous convictions against Keel, but nothing was known against Pearce. Keel was fined £1, inclusive of costs, and Pearce 15s.

Keel: I have got skins enough at home to pay for that.

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