



Theft Of Butter From Ann Jewell's Shop

Salisbury Petty Sessions – Monday. Present: the Mayor; James Bennett, J. Cother, J. Hussey, W. Andrews, and R. Hetley, Esqrs.

An Old Offender

Ebenezer Gauntlet was charged with stealing half a pound of butter, the property of Ann Jewell, shopkeeper, of Fisherton.

It appears that on the 29th of June the complainant heard a noise in her shop, and on going in she saw the prisoner there, who pretended that he had come to assist a boy who had bought some potatoes. He assisted in getting the potatoes, and then walked off. Shortly afterwards Mrs. Jewell missed half a pound of butter, and she immediately ran out and fetched back the prisoner, and the butter was found in his hat. Mrs. Jewell detained the hat and let the prisoner go. He was afterwards apprehended by the police. In his defence the prisoner said that he had agreed to leave his hat with Mrs. Jewell until he had paid for the butter. Superintendent Barber stated to the Bench that the prisoner had been several times convicted before. He was fully committed for trial at the Assizes.

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