

## Crime and Punishment

## Hankerton

County Court, Monday 5 November 1900

Before his Honour Judge Ellicott and Mr C F Moir (Registrar)

## **Trial of George Way**

David Jones, farmer, of Brinkworth, v George Way, labourer, Hankerton. Claim, £2 12s. Plaintiff said on October 8 he went to Cirencester hiring fair, when he hired the defendant at 6s per week and his board and lodging for twelve months. Defendant signed the contract, and received 1s earnest money.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> defendant returned the hiring contract and the 1s by post, saying that he should not come to work. Defendant endeavoured to prove that he was the worse for beer, and that he was drawn into the contract unknowingly.

His Honour found for plaintiff for £2 12s, payable by instalments of 4s per month.

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