



Crime and Punishment

Oaksey

Court Case

Linda Mail

Linda Mail, a girl between 13 and 14 years of age, residing with her stepmother at Somerford Keynes, was charged by Mary Jane, wife of John Cove, blacksmith, of Oaksey, with stealing four white scarves, value 3s, the property of her children. It appears that the prisoner went to the lobby of the schoolroom at Oaksey and abstracted the scarves from where they hung on two different occasions, but after inquiries had been made, her mother sent the girl back with the scarves and a note, in which she said she had picked them up.

The case was put into the hands of PS Richard Evans at Kemble, who ascertained from the girl in the presence of her mother that she had stolen the last two from the school porch, although she said she picked up the first two a month or six weeks ago.

The Bench said it was quite clear the things were stolen, and prisoner pleaded guilty, and elected to be tried by the bench. She was fined £1, including costs, or one month's imprisonment. Allowed a fortnight to pay.

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