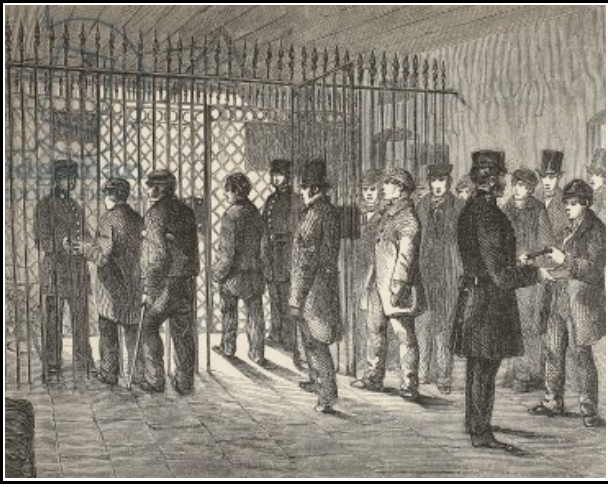


Crime and Punishment

Seend



Labourer Stole Spade

Melksham at the Town Hall on Tuesday.

George Trueman, labourer, of Seend, was charged under remand with stealing a spade value 2s 6d, the property of James Harris. It appeared that the prosecutor was drinking with the prisoner at the Bell Inn, Seend. The following day prosecutor missed a spade which he had with him at the inn, but did not remember how he had lost it. The night after the "meeting" at the Bell, the prisoner handed a spade to a companion named Jefferies, who sold it for a shilling to another man named Curwick, and this shilling was spent in beer.

Trueman admitted leaving the Bell Inn with the prosecutor, and to "picking up" a spade on the road. This spade Harris identified, and Jefferies and Curwick were reprimanded, and Trueman was committed for a month's hard labour.

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