



Magistrates' Clerk's Office Saturday

Before C. P. Phipps, Esq. (in the chair), and C. N. P. Phipps, Esq

Absconding with the Workhouse Clothes

Jeremiah Brown was charged with leaving the Westbury Workhouse, and carrying away the clothes without permission.

Daniel Harkins, master of the Westbury Workshop, deposed that the prisoner was an inmate of the house, and had been there for the past year. On Thursday the prisoner applied for a few hours leave that afternoon which was granted, and left the Workhouse at two o'clock. Instead of returning at 6 o'clock, the regular hour that evening, he did not return at all, and witness gave information to the police.

Inspector Charles Wheeler deposed that in consequence of information received he went to Trowbridge in search of the prisoner, and about eight o'clock last evening he found him in the Market Place listening to a band that was playing. He then had the Workhouse clothing on, and witness charged him with leaving with the clothes without permission, but he made no reply, and witness brought him to Westbury.

The prisoner promised never to so offend again, and after being cautioned by the Bench he was discharged.

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