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ALLEGED ASSAULT WITH A KNIFE. - Yesterday, at the Leeds Police-court, before Mr. Bruce, Abraham Sykes (41), carpet weaver, of Saville-street, was charged with assaulting Mary Ann, his wife, with intent to do ber grievous bodily harm. Prosecutrix alleged that on the 18th instant her husband attempted to cut her throat with a knife. Her son came in at the time, and no harm was done to her. She was, however, afraid that he would do her some injury. The son, on being called, stated that both parties were the worse for liquor, whilst the defendant alleged that the charge against him was false. He also added that his wife was a very drunken woman, and he had frequently endeavoured to persuade her to sign the pledge. Mr. Bruce remarked that the way to have converted her to testotalism should have been by moral sussion, and not by the use of the knife. He ordered the defendant to be bound over to keep the peace for six months, himself in £20, and two sureties of £10 each.

Frederick George Burt (26), commercial traveller, Woodhouse-street, was charged on remand with obtaining money by false pretences from Mr. John T. Jackson, wholesale clothier, York-read and Woodhouse-iane. Mr. Granger prosecuted, and Mr. Billinton defended. The facts of the case have already appeared. Further evidence having been given, prisoner was committed for trial at the sessions, bail being refused. BATLEY.

THE ALLEGED FRAUDS BY A COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER.—

A young man named Charles Commons, lately returned

from a reformatory, where he had served five years, was charged yesterday with assaulting Police-constable Beecroft. It appeared that on Saturday night the prisoner was creating a disturbance at Fleming'sbuildings, off Commercial-street, and on the officer attempting to take him into custody the prisoner bit him severely on the right hand, making eight wounds. He was committed to prison for two months without the option of a fine, and was ordered to pay 20s. and costs for being drunk and riotous, or one month's additional imprisonment.—Arthur Braime, herring curer, was fined 10s. and costs for assaulting a married woman named Elizabeth Child, 10s. and costs for being drunk and riotous, and is, penalty, together with 6d. damages, for breaking a window in the police cell. BRADFORD. ROBBERY FROM A CANAL BOAT.-Matthew Clarkson.

boatman, Silsden, was charged yesterday with stealing 32s. 6d. from a hoat at Shipley, belonging to Richard Unwin. The prosecutor went to bed at half-past nine on Friday night, left his clothes on a seat, and shortly afterwards the prisoner came into the cabin and remained, but departed early the next morning. Prosecutor missed his money and suspected the prisoner, who, on being apprehended, pleaded guilty. He was sent to prison for two months. A TRAVELLER SENT TO PRISON.—Yesterday Edward Swithenbank, commercial traveller, Laisterdyke, who, on Saturday night, went to his wife's residence in Salem-

street, she living apart from him, smashed windows, and conducted himself outrageously, was sent to prison for two months with hard labour. DEWSBURY. ·A WATERLOO PENSIONER SENT TO PRISON.—At the West Riding Police-court, yesterday, Joseph Kitson (82), Pinder for the borough of Batley, and formerly a soldier, was brought up on a warrant charged with reloniously

assaulting a girl named Ettie Fleetwood, the daughter of a Mirfield draper. On Friday last the prosecutrix got into a third-class carriage at the Leeds station, in which were two young ladies and the prisoner. The ladies got out of the carriage at Morley, leaving the prisoner and the girl by themselves. The prisoner, after taking indecent liberties with the prosecutrix, got out of the train at Batley, and the girl went on to Mirfield, where she lived. She informed her parents of what had taken place. They gave information to the police, and the accused was apprehended the same day. Kitson, who was present at the battle of Waterloo, denied the charge altogether, and said that if the girl had been assaulted it was by the young women that were in the carriage and not by him. The Bench committed the prisoner to the House of Correction for six calendar months, and to perform such labour as his age and strength would bear. A BRUTAL Son. -- George Watson, collier, Mirfield, was brought up on a warrant charged with assaulting his father, Wm. Watson. The complainant stated that on Monday his son came home intuxicated, and commenced to curse and swear. The prisoner gave him a black eye,

and broke two of his ribs. The Bench committed the prisoner to the House of Correction for two months with hard labour. . HULL. · Assaults on the Police.—At the Police-court yesterday, Thomas Bones was brought up in custody charged with assaulting Police-sergeant Roberts on Saturday night. Robert was taking a prisoner to the police-station, when the prisoner, with others, interfered and threw stones at

him Police-constable Boyaton coming up at the time,

prisoner was apprehended. For being disorderly Bones

was fined 20s. and costs, and for assaulting the officer, Mr.

Travis sent him to prison for three months.—Edward Robinson, alias Lyons, charged with being drunk and disorderly in North-street, on Saturday night, and assaulting Police-sergeant Walker by kicking and striking him when apprehended, was fined 20s. and costs for the first offence, and committed to prison for thirty days' for the second .-- Thomas W. Mackinder, a friend of the last prisoner's, for assaulting Police-sergeant Walker by throwing stones, was sent to prison for two months. It was stated that Lyons belonged to a club, the chief object of which was to pay the fines of members when they got into the hands of the police. A Cook Trick. - George Thompson was brought before Mr. Travis charged with stealing 2s. 5d. from a mussel dealer named Mary Sweeney. The prosecutrix sold one pennyworth of mussels to a person in the Fleece Inn, High-street, on Saturday night, and he gave her half-a-crown. Not having having change she went to

another shop to get it, and, on returning, was met at the door by the prisoner, who said. "Give me my change." Supposing that he was the purchaser of the mussels, she gave the money to him and he went off. In the publichouse she discovered that he was the wrong man. Information being given to the police prisoner was appre-Mr. Travis committed him for three months' hended. hard labour. HALIFAX. CATTLE PLAGUE.—At the Halifax West Riding Policecourt, on Saturday, Abraham Stansfield, farmer, of Stansfield, was charged with committing a breach of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act on the 5th of May. The man was said, to have kept a cow on his premises suffering from foot and mouth disease, without informing

the police. Evidence was given to the effect that the

symptoms found on the cow (which was only discovered

while being carried away to be buried) were those of the disease mentioned, and it was admitted that the cow belonged to the defendant. The defendant, however. who was represented by Mr. Cobbett, of Manchester, showed that throughout the disease, if disease there was, the cow had been kept along with others, none of which had caught it, and it was said this would have been au impossibility if the disease had existed. Several witnesses were called in proof, and the magistrates ultimately dismissed the charge, believing that the defendant had no knowledge of the existence of such disease. HUDDERSFIELD. At the Borough Police-court yesterday, a pauper in the Crosland Moor Workhouse was committed to gaol for a month for attempting to assault Geo. Sunderland, the vagrant master. On Friday the prisoner was refractory. and as he was on his way to the refractory cell he ran at Sunderland and the master with a large knife, and attempted to stab them.—A boy named John Wm. Thorburn, of Bradley-street, moulder, was committed to prison for a month for having, in the month of February, stolen a piece of old iron, value 2s., the property of Messrs. J.

Taylor and Sons, Kirkgate, iron merchants. KNARESBOROUGH..

Assault on the Police.—At the Court-house yesterday, John Marshall, of Helperpy, and Thomas Potter, of Brafferton, were charged with an assault on the police. The defendants were causing a disturbance in the streets at Boroughbridge on Sunday, and on officers Hall and Moody interfering they were both assaulted, Hall being seized by the collar, knocked down, and released by a bystander. They were each fined £5 and costs, or three months to prison. In the scuffle the defendants broke Hall's helmet, and were fined 5s., damage and 9s. 6d., and costs. Potter paid the fine, and Marshall went to prison. MIDDLESBROUGH. ROBBERY BY CHILDREN. -- At the Police-court yesterday, Thomas Smith and Emily Hannah Smith, aged

respectively eight and nine years, were charged with breaking into the house of John Hattield, 15, Oak-street, Middlesbrough, and stealing therefrom a box containing £12 8s. 9d. in cash. The parents of the accused were also charged with receiving 22s. from the prisoners, knowing the same to have been stolen. It appeared the children went to the house referred to to beg. They received no reply to their knocking at the front door, and went round to the back door. The boy, Tom, then climbed over the wall, opened the back door, and they both entered the house. Tom then went through the pantry window, and let his sister in through the door, and they searched the house. They found some keys, and with them opened a cashbox, and took some money from it, biding more of the money in a box in an ashpit. The police discovered £11 9s. near the ashpit door, £10 of it being in a box. The

parents afterwards gave up 22s., which they said the children had given them. The four prisoners were remanded until to-day. PONTEFRACT. DOMESTIC SERVANT STEALING A GOLD RING .- At the Borough Court, yesterday, Eliza Jaques, aged fifteen years, and domestic servant with Mr. Pickersgill, Old Castle Brewery, Pontefract, was charged with stealing a gold ring, the property of Miss Sarah Mitchell, of Harrogate, who was a visitor at prosecutor's house on the 23rd inst. The ring had been taken from a drawer in one of the bearooms. The Bench, after hearing the defence,

inflicted a penalty of £3 and costs, or one months' imprisonment. RIPLEY. PENALTY FOR A KISS.—Saml. Beresford was charged with assaulting Agnes Parkin, at Heanor, on May 18th. The complainant deposed that, on the evening of the day named, she was returning from a visit to her sister. Detendant met her on the way, and put his arm round her, kissed ber, and afterwards attempted to take liberties with her. This was not the first time defendant had done so. Complainant's brother deposed that he saw his sister, the complainant, on the day named. She appeared very much excited, and her hair was very disorderly; she told him what had happened, and said she could not go out again alone, as defendant was constantly after her.

Defendant said he was returning home from Langley Mill

on the 18th of May. Complainant asked him if he was

going home, when he replied he was. She then told him

to come on. This statement was denied by complainant.

said it was a serious charge brought by a very respectable young woman against the defendant. There was no keeping company" between defendant and complainant. What defendant did was clearly against the wish and consent of complainant, and he must go to prison for two calendar months, without the option of a flue.

ROTHERHAM.

CUTTING DOWN BOXWOOD TREES.—At the West Biding Police-court, yesterday, before Mr. G. W. Chambers (in the chair), Mr. H. Jubb. and Mr. H. Otter, George Hillian and Frank Bingham, colliers, of Swinton, were charged with cutting down and stealing a box tree, the property of Mr. Thomas Gray Fullerton, of Thrybergh Park, Mr. To Park To Danks Packwood prosecuted, and Mr. F. Parker Rhode defended Hume.—The tree in question was just outside the edge of the pleasure grounds of Thrybergh Park, and was between 80 and 100 years old. As an ornament if was worth £40 or £50, but cut down it was only worth some £10. The tree had evidently been cut down for the purpose of making knurrs, to play at knurr and spell, at when part of the wood was found in the cellar of the house where Hume lodged, some half dozen knurrs wers found along with the pieces of the tree, having been made from the same kind of wood.—The case againg Hume was remanded for a week; and evidence having been given to connect Bingham with the cutting down and taking away of the tree, he was committed for trial at the sessions. WAKEFIELD.

THE ALLEGED CHILD MURDER -At the West Riding

Police-court yesterday—before Messrs. W. H. Leathan and D. B. Kendell-Mary Jane Lightowler, the widow of a Knottingley boatman, surrendered to her bail on a charge of having murdered her infant child; and Man Spence, her mother, who lives at Caroline Bridge Methley, also appeared in the dock charged with being an accessory. Mr. Hall (Messrs. Gill and Hall) again appeared for the prisoners.—Supterintendent Hall said h had no further evidence to offer against the prisoners, and he asked that they might be discharged and bound over to appear when called upon, as it was possible he might get further evidence against them.—Mr. Hall objected to have the prisoners bound over, as they were innocental the charge and respectable people, who might be tound when they were wanted .- The prisoners were discharge without being bound over. THE BRITISH FLEET IN PLYMOUTH SOUND.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM.) The splendid fleet of ironclads now anchored in the

waters of the Sound form a great object of attraction from the Hoe and Mount Edgeumbe. Yesterday the vessels coaled, and are now ready for sea, but it is at present intended that they shall remain until the Thun. derer arrives on Saturday, the day fixed for observing Her Majesty's birthday. A royal salvo will be fired by every ship in commission in the port, and by the Citadel but whether there will be a further demonstration main depends upon the adoption by one set of naval authorities of the proposals of another set. The magnificent five. masted ironclad Agincourt, which has been fitted with new boilers, is to be taken alongside the sheers to have her heavy guns replaced, and her sister ship, the North, umberland, is then immediately to be taken into Keyhan Basin for such repairs as can be done without docklug. The new breakwater fort, which is immensely strong being built wholly of iron, is now receiving the guns in its defence. THE LOSS OF THE DAKOTA. The Board of Trade inquiry into the loss of the Guinn

mail steamer Dakota, near Point Lynas, on the lith of May, was resumed yesterday at Liverpool and concluded Evidence of a very contradictory nature was given. It was shown that the ship was allowed to approact close to Point Lynas as 13 miles, at unusually short distance, and that she was no steered out from the land afterwards property On behalf of the captain and second officer, againg whom the Solicitor to the Board of Trade preferred charges of negligently navigating, it was urged that there gave orders which would have carried the steamer sately along had they been duly obeyed. Mr. ROTHERY, Q. ... president of the court, delivered a very long judgment, in the course of which he said the Court considered the master and second officer had been negligent in the performance of their duties, more especially not seeing that their orders were The Court severely condemned the "vicious" system of conducting the steering of the Dakota, which made it possible for independent and conflicting orders to be sent to the wheelhouse. They considered that this largely detracted from the culpability of the captain and second mate, and rendered it of such a minor nature as to be met by a severe reprimand. Against three of the witnesses—seamen to whom the steering had been entrusted—the Court expressed the opinion that they had been guilty of perjury in their evidence at the inquiry, The population of South Australia has increased during the past year by 15,000; it now stanes at 225,677.

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