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MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST. Before the Mayor (Mr. E. Norkett), Mr. C. W. Cox, Mr. H. J. Mount, Mr. J. Budgen, Mr. H. Cooper, Mr. F. W. Porter, and Mr. T. G. Wyatt.

MAIDENHEAD BOROUGH POLICE.

Special Constables.

A further batch of special constables made the declaration to serve in the borough for another

Horses Found Straying.

Henry Taylor, of Butler's Meadow, Harry Bull, of Belmont Stables, and Archibald White, of 20, High-street, were summoned for allowing their horses to stray on the highway. Taylor and White, who did not appear, were fined 2s., with 4s. costs. Bull appeared and pleaded not guilty. In this case P.O. Miles said that he saw three horses straying at about 3 a.m. in the road near Cordwalles College. He had much difficulty in getting the animals to "The Greyhound." Cross-examined by defendant, witness said that P.C. Pousford assisted him. P.C. Pousford corroborated. Defendant averred that the horses must have

Defendant averred that the horses must have been wilfully driven into the highway by someone, as they were placed in a field which was enclosed by a sound fence and hedge. The gate was securely

by a sound fence and hedge. The gate was securely fastened.

One of the defendant's employees, named Blanch, spoke to putting the horses in the field on the night previous. He secured the gate, but the next morning he found that it had been lifted off its hinges and the horses were gone.

By Mr. Cox: He was certain that there was no gap either in the hedge or the fence.

The Magistrates' Clerk: Isn't it a fact that you sometimes turn horses out on the land opposite Callege-avenue?—Yes, but not for long.

Mr. Cox: Have you ever turned them into that land at night?—No, never sir.

The magistrates considered the case in private and on their return into court the Mayor said that there seemed to be some doubt in the case and from the evidence it seemed that some mischievous person had been playing a trick on defendant and they would dismiss the case.

No Light.

For riding a bicycle without a light on the night of September 25, Fritz Wolf, late of "The Hind's Head," Touchen End, was fined ls., with 10s.

costs.

Defendant's excuse to P.C. Appleton was that as the night was so bright be did not think a light was necessary. There was no lamp attached to the machine.

The Wrong Collar.

Arthur C. Green, of King-street, had been summoned for allowing his dog on the highway without a name and address engraved on the collar, on

September 10th.
P.C. Smith proved the case.
Defendant's explanation in a letter to the Clerk
was that his boy had put the wrong collar on the
dog after washing it.
A fine of 2s. 6d. was imposed.

56 out of 99. Emma Day, of 37, Cordwalles-road, was summoned for not sending her child Ernest to school.

Miss Glover, School Attendance Officer, stated that the child had only attended school 56 times out of 99

out of 99.

A letter from the defendant stated that she was out at work all day and left the sending of the child to school to her daughter.

The magistrates adjourned the case for a month the case if there was any improvement.

to see if there was any improvement Ada Mary Quelch, a respectably dressed woman, of Oxford, was charged with being drunk and incapable in West road, Castle-hill, on Saturday

night. P.S. Holding spoke to finding prisoner lying in

The Magistrates' Clerk stated that defendant was separated from her husband for being an habitual drunkard. There were many previous convictions against her for similar offences.

A constable was ordered to see prisoner out of the temp.

MAIDENHEAD COUNTY POLICE.

Before Sir Geo. Young, Bart. (in the chair), Lord Geo. Pratt, Sir H. J. Vansittart Neale, K.C.B., Col. F. C. Ricardo, c.v.o., Mr. J. W. Walker, the Mayor of Maidenhead (Mr. E. Norkett). YESTERDAY. Col. F. C. Ricardo, c.v.o., Mr. J. W. Walker, the Mayor of Maidenhead (Mr. E. Norkett), and the Chairman of the Cookham R.D.C. (Mr. W. Weall).

Transfers. The license of "The Crown," Birchets Green, was transferred from Chas. May to Amon Herridge, and Henry Portsmouth obtained the license of "The Cricketers," White Waltham, from Fredk.

Fight in a Fog. Al/red Ranscombe, of Fifield, had been summoned at the instance of Percy Series for assault on

Defendant admitted hitting complainant, but said that it was in self-defence.

Series stated that at about 9 o'clock the defendant, who was in an orchard bird-catching, came into the road and accused him of interfering with him. Later, while on his way home, defendant laid wait for him near Grove Farm and without any warning hit him several times, bruising both eves and injuring his nose. Complainant told the Bench that it was his witnesses who had threatened to fight the defendant.

Win. Cripps, of Fifield, admitted that he and another man held the gate to prevent Ranscombe from coming out. Series had nothing to do with it and said nothing to defendant. Later in the evening, he saw Series near Grove Farm, with his face covered in blood.

Chas. Cripps corroborated. Defendant admitted hitting complainant, but

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Defendant's explanation of the affair was that while bird-catching in an orchard stones were thrown at them. He could hear the complainant and his witnesses on a bridge near by. When they went to go out the complainant and the two and his witnesses on a bridge near by. When they went to go out, the complainant and the two Cripps's held the gate. When defendant asked them what they were doing, they ran away. Defendant caught them up and they all threatened to set upon him if he touched one of them. He told them that he would wait and catch them separately and then left. Later, while bird-catching, near Grove Farm, Series came up to him and defendant asked him if he would "have it out." Complainant syreed and struck out at him but missed

dant asked him if he would "have it out." Complainant agreed and struck out at him but missed
and in self-defence he retaliated. Series then asked
him to stop, which he did. Defendant said that
the fight was witnessed by four of his friends.
Re-called, complainant denied that anyone saw
the fight.
Defendant called Edward Clark, who said that
he did not see anything of the fight.
Questioned by the defendant, witness said that
the fog prevented him from seeing the fight, but
he heard them fighting. he heard them highting.

There was a previous case of assault against the defendant, and he was now fined 4s. 6d., with 15s. 6d. costs,

Gave the Wrong Name.

Jesse Bunce, of Albert-street, Maidenhead, had been summoned under the name of George Smith, which name he gave to the constable when stopped on the Thicket, for riding a bicycle without a light, at midnight, on Oct. 10th.

Asked why he gave the constable a false name, he said that he was taken by surprise and George.

he said that he was taken by surprise and George h was the first name that came to him. P.C. Gibbons proved the offence and defendant was fined 3s. 6d., with 6s. 6d. costs.

CHESS.

Reading and District Chess League. On Wednesday evening last, after the annual general meeting of the above league, a match was played at Cross Street Hall, Reading, between Reading Chess Club and a team picked from the rest of the League Clubs. Twenty boards were played, and the result was a win for the Rest of the League by 14 games to 6. A number of Maidenhead players took part, and the result of the games is appended:—

Position in Maidenhead Reading Player. 6. Dobson 0
W.O.C. Stuchbery 1
D. W. Woods 1
Dr. Cottu 1
Dr. Wells 1 .. 0 S. Oades 1 y 1 H. Francis 0 .. 1 R. J. Allsopp ... 0 .. 1 R. H. Watson 0 .. 1 R. A. Jones ... 0

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