Staffordshire Sentinel and Commercial & General Advertiser
Saturday 26 November 1870

Weights and Measures Act.—Thomas Gillow, a shopkeeper, of Smallthorne, was charged by Captain Knight with having a pair of unjust scales two drachms against the purchaser. Fined 1s. and costs.—David Jones, grocer, of Sneyd Green, was charged with having a pair of tea scales one and a half drachms against the purchaser. Fined 2s. 6d. and costs.—James Ball, butcher, Bagnall, was charged with using a pair scales in Burslem market three ounces against the purchaser. Fined 2s. 6d. and costs.—George Moore, farmer, living at Alsager, Cheshire, was charged with using a pair scales one ounce against the purchaser, in Burslem market.—And the list goes on and on

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

CONGLETON COUNTTL.—FRIDAY, NOV. 18.
(Before Major H. H. Sneyd-Kynnersley, Esq.)

John Dale, a roller, of Moss Cop, was charged with breaking and entering the dwell-house of Mr. Alexander M'Donald, of Rode, on the 15th ult. The house was broken into and a quantity of wearing apparel belonging to Mr. Cooper and Knight met the prisoner early in the morning of the 15th October, carrying a bundle of wearing apparel, shoes and wooden drawers, answering the description of some stolen from the house of Mr. M'Donald. Mr. Cooper identified the prisoner for a week.

CONGLETON (BOROUGH).—MONDAY.
(Before Mr. Bagnall, Mr. Ralph Brocklehurst, Esq., and B. Hadley, D. Bradwell, J. P. Hall, and C. W. Hall, Esqrs.)

LAWCETT AND OTHERS.—Thomas Lawcett, a very commercial traveller, was charged with stealing a placed down Cooper from the Harvest Home, on the night of the 5th inst. Mr. Cooper defended the prisoner.—Mary Birks, waiter at Congleton, deposed that Lawcett, cook, introduced the people of Hadley, the Superintendent of Police as belonging to Congleton, stealing a silver spoon from the Bull's Head, which was subsequently found in Hanson, witness, Mr. Cooper called and Mr. Cooper called at the Head on Thursday afternoon, the 3rd inst., and charged the prisoner Mr. Bateman, witness, Mr. Cooper called and Mr. Cooper with stealing a spoon from the Bull's Head, and he pulled a spoon had better make that two pounds, and he pulled a spoon from out of his right hand coat pocket. Mr. Cooper identified the spoon as belonging to Mr. Bateman then put his hand into the left hand pocket and pulled out a second spoon, and put it into the left hand pocket. He was taken into custody, and after being cautioned said, "Mr. Bateman, I have put the spoons in my pocket, I know nothing about them." Mr. Cooper called the prisoner, but it appeared that he had been convicted before for of larceny and was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment for the Sessions for trial on both charges.

"A GOOD DEAL TICKED UP."—Isabella Swindells was charged with stealing 19s. 10d. from the person of Richard James, coal dealer, and Ann Jones, of Congleton, on Saturday, fraudulently receiving 12s. 2½d. of the same money. Jones, who is a young lad of 17 years of age, stated that he was eleven o'clock, he met Swindells (a prostitute) she accosted him and asked him to have a drink. He did so, and she found the male prisoner in the front room; Jones and Swindells went upstairs back room, and he (Jones) slept with her. Eventually he gave her 9d., and was about to leave the house when he had a fight with the male prisoner and he left. He challenged her with stealing them, and she he had left to call in the station, to go after him and said he cared not a shilling. He contended, but found a portion of his money gone, and she had left the house. The male prisoner denied the charge.—The magistrates committed both prisoners to the sessions for trial.

COAL STEALING.—John Motherhead, boatman, was brought up on suspicion of stealing a quantity of coal belonging to the Canal Wharf on Wednesday night, the property of Isaac Taylor, coal merchant. Prisoner said he was at home, and totally ignorant of coal, and on the night mentioned he missed three or four times, and the police found a quantity of coal in consequence of being in his hoot at the Wharf on the same night. He denied the charge, and there being no evidence directly to implicate him. He was discharged.

HANLEY.—MONDAY.
(Before W. M. Smith and J. Ward, Esqrs.)

DRUNK.—Robert Robinson was charged with being drunk in St. John's Square, on the 19th October last. He was also charged with being drunk in Wedgwood-place, Burslem, on Saturday, the 12th inst. Mr. Beech fined him 5s. and costs in each case, or in default fourteen days' imprisonment.—John Quickley was charged with being drunk in Market-place, Wolstanton, on November 5th, and fined 1s. and costs.—Richard Bloore was charged with being drunk in Hanley, and fined 10s. and costs.

BEATING CHILDREN.—William Roberts, beerhouse keeper, living at Smallthorne, was charged with selling drink during prohibited hours, on November 5th. Superintendent Ward, having testified to the defendant's house having always been well conducted, the case was dismissed, the defendant paying the costs.

REFUSING TO MAINTAIN HIS WIFE.—Aquilla Griffin was charged with refusing to comply with an order made against him by the magistrates, in the month of August, for the maintenance of his wife. Mr. Tennant, who appeared for the defendant, said that the defendant had been unemployed for a long time, and had been compelled to take the Stoke-upon-Trent Union; and having compelled his wife to go to the workhouse, he was now ordered to pay the sum of ten shillings per week towards the support of his wife and five children, and had become chargeable to the Stoke-upon-Trent Union; and not having complied with the order, he was now in arrears.—Mr. C. Daniel, clerk of the Stoke-upon-Trent Guardians, said that the defendant was ordered to pay the sum of ten shillings from the 27th of Sept. last, and since that time he had not paid anything, and the Guardians had been put to expense. He then asked the Bench to make an example of the defendant, as he was a man who had been before them several times on the profile.—Mr. Brook, relieving officer, on behalf of the plaintiff, said he had been instructed by the Stoke-upon-Trent Guardians of the Stoke-upon-Trent Union, to prosecute the defendant for the non-payment of the money, having been given, that when the order was made, and since that time he had not his family, and consequently the Bench would not allow him to be committed, but if he had not been drunk. They would adjourn, considering the defendant's circumstances, and not deem it expedient to punish her for the offence. She was therefore discharged.

Wm. Barker was charged with having assaulted John Hughes, and Mr. Tennant was charged with having assaulted Louisa Hughes. Mr. A. Tennant, on behalf of Mr. Tennant, said he was a publican, living at Longton, and the statement of the facts were as follows: David Hughes, friend of the Lion, Longton, and Barker was a frequent visitor at the latter, one day recently went to Cooper's beerhouse in Longton street, Hanley, and Barker was there, and called for some beer, Barker got out, and said, I hit the man, Hughes, he asked him to go out half-way, and Barker followed up his remark by squaring at Hughes, and Hughes followed up his remark by giving Barker a blow, and Barker followed up his remark by giving her a blow. Witness Mrs. Hughes screamed, and Cooper came out and said, Barker, you must be ashamed of yourself about, like that; and Cooper with having stood by while Barker was knocked down by Barker, and was several times kicked by Barker, and was knocked down in the middle of the quarrel, that Mr. Hughes threw glasses at Barker, and Barker threw glasses at Hughes, and the quarrel commenced Barker was fined 2s.; and the charge against Cooper was dismissed.

SUNDAY SANGUINARY SCENE.—Charles Horne, collier, was charged with having assaulted Pat. Tennant, on Sunday last, a cross-summons by Horne against Paddy Mr. Tennant was for the prosecution. Mr. Tennant said, that on Sunday last Paddy was to the following effect:—On the night of Sunday, the 6th inst., he was in the house of Mr. Tennant, and he was called, to go to the police station at night reserve time. In High-street he met Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Hughes said to him, who complained that Horne had assaulted him. Not having witnessed the assault he went to the house of Mr. Tennant, and told Ratcliffe he must summon Horne. Horne crossed to the opposite side of the street, and commenced kicking witness and Ratcliffe. Horne was drunk and very excited. Tennant told Horne if he did not go home he would be had locked up. Witness advised Ratcliffe also to go home, and went on his way; but Horne followed witness, and witness had recourse to take him into custody. Witness then turned back, and took hold of the arm of witness and walked quietly back, intending to take him in custody. A great crowd was collected, owing to the disturbance by Horne. Horne then struck witness twice on the left cheek, and kicked his leg. Witness then drew his staff, and struck Horne blows on the left arm. Witness then took Horne into Hilton's Hotel, where some one asked, "Go to Chelsea." Horne on Chelsea, Horne by kick and struggled, some one assisting him from behind. Horne then struck witness down, and some one jumped on witness's hand, from which his staff was taken. Horne then got the staff, and struck, and kicked witness. There was some further struggling; but witness persevered, and had got thirty or forty paces, when Horne struck witness on the head, and knocked up. Witness retired, and tried to use it, but could not, his hand being quite disabled. Again they went on together, and while they were down, Horne called for a knife. Witness asked for assistance, but no one helped him; and Horne, upon getting a knife, cut his own scarf. Then they came a much longer way, and Horne pulled Horne out of Horne got hear. Witness fost a good deal of blood, and had took hold of the scarf. The use of the staff was for his own protection, and to keep his prisoner in his custody. He (witness) was perfectly sobered, he had been in bed till half-past eight from dinner time.—William Ratcliffe, porter, and that before the meeting of Paddy and Horne, he had seen Horne, who struck him on the arm. He was then drunk, and he had to mind his master, and then Horne struck witness on the breast. Witness walked away, and Horne followed, cursing and swearing. Witness spoke to Paddy on seeing him, and told him what had occurred. Horne then came up and told Paddy to take witness in charge for throwing stones. Paddy told witness to summon Horne, whereupon Horne began to curse Paddy. Paddy told Horne to go home, or he would be locked up. Horne then swore and pushed Paddy on the breast, and he got back he saw Paddy and Horne pitching each other. The witness confirmed Paddy's account of what followed.—Edward Woolley and other witnesses gave corroborative evidence.—At the cross-examination, the witness said that the other man was sober, Sarah Dunn was called, and said that after church she had called on Paddy to go to Chelsea, and was coming with Paddy left the house. At this time he was quite sober.—P.S. Hughes said he had been in the Hanley Station, and had Paddy was then quite sober. He had seen Paddy drunk, and repeated the charge. Mr. Ward said, he would go and see up, and heard what had happened. I said that they were a Bowlshire! I said, I have been informed of it, and I will deliver a coward because he did not assist Paddy.—Mr. A. F. Tennant, solicitor, for Mr. Weston, said he was called in to see Paddy, the same night, and found his face and had covered with blood, and his face was broken, one of the fingers being broken, and two others much injured. There were two pugs women, and a single horse between them, and the pugs was knocked on the left shoulder, and complained of an other bruises on his body. Mr. Weston, in addressing the Bench, said he confessed, and that unfortunately there was in that district, a very large population, and that police, and, while he regretted it, he thought the police would do well to keep within the strictness of the law. Unfortunately, there was a great deal of excitement in the present case, and he thought he should be wrong in the priv; that he collect was the aggressor. Mr. Hawley, a position next to the scene of the series of struggles, said that he first saw Paddy on the evening named, he was then near the top of Russell-street. He also saw two other men, and he said, "Be first saw Horne the first occasion of Paddy." Paddy was then not near Horne, and Horne was going away. Witness heard Paddy, and Horne was going away. Witness heard Paddy, and Horne was going away. Witness heard Paddy