

METROPOLITAN QUARTER SESSIONS. — MONDAY

(Before his Honor Mr. District Court Judge Simpson.)
LARCENY.

Samuel Johnston pleaded guilty to two charges—viz., stealing a silver watch, of the value of £9, the property of one Stephen Wilkinson; also stealing a coat, vest, and other articles, of the value of £5 5s, the property of Martin Ryan. John Rogers also pleaded guilty to stealing a piece of crumpled shirting, of the value of £2 8s, the property of W. J. Tickle. Prisoners were remanded for sentence.

STEALING FROM THE PERSON.

John Donohoe was charged with stealing £2 10s, from the person of William Coghlan. Prisoner, who pleaded not guilty, was undefended. Mr. W. J. Foster prosecuted on behalf of the Crown. It appeared that the prosecutor Coghlan was lying asleep on a seat in Hyde Park, where he woke up, missed his money, and finding prisoner near him, he gave him in charge. Nothing was found on him. The jury, without leaving the box, acquitted the prisoner, who was discharged.

ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

Charles Cotterell was indicted for having, on the 25th of January, attempted to commit self-murder. Prisoner pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. Hellyer; Mrs. Foster prosecuted. Prisoner was living with his son and daughter-in-law. His wife was living apart from him. On the day in question prisoner, who had been drinking, came home in a very excited manner, saying something about his wife. He took up a razor that was lying on the table, and while his daughter-in-law's back was turned he cut his throat with the razor. Assistance was called in and Dr. Walker sent for, but when he came defendant would not allow him to touch the wound. The police were afterwards sent for and the prisoner taken to the Infirmary, where his wound was dressed. Mr. Hellyer having addressed the jury, his Honor summed up, and the jury after about half an hour's absence, returned a verdict of not guilty.

FALSE PRETENCES.

Henry Russell pleaded guilty to obtaining from Maria Johnston, by means of false pretences, one hair groom, a clothes line, and two hand brooms. Mr. Hellyer, on behalf of the prisoner, addressed his Honor in mitigation of sentence. The gaol records showed that the prisoner had previously received a sentence of fifteen months for stealing. Prisoner was remanded for sentence.

UNLAWFULLY WOUNDING.

John William Brown was indicted for having unlawfully wounded one Harry Curry. Prisoner, who was undefended, pleaded not guilty. It appeared that on the 23rd instant the prisoner and the prosecutor had been drinking and commenced fighting. Prisoner struck prosecutor on the head with the small bar of iron produced. Prisoner also sustained several injuries. The jury, after some deliberation, acquitted the prisoner, who was discharged.

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Samuel Oliver was charged with stealing a box containing bedding, wearing apparel, and other articles, the property of John Poulton. Prisoner pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. Hellyer. Prosecutor was living at Penrith; prisoner was lodging in his house. On the morning of the 16th of December prosecutor went to work at the usual hour early in the morning, and on his return at 8 o'clock to breakfast, he found that his wife, daughter, and the prisoner were not about the premises. In consequence of information received he went to Sydney, and at the Blue Bell Hotel he found his wife and daughter. Subsequently he met the prisoner, and found a box containing sundry articles at the wharf where the Dandenong steamer starts from. In the box were some articles of clothing belonging to prisoner. Henry Barlow deposed that the prisoner engaged him at Penrith to carry the box produced to the railway station, to be conveyed to Sydney. A ticket was taken per steamer Dandenong, for Melbourne, for three persons, Mr. and Mrs. Watson and daughter. For the defence Elizabeth Poulton, wife of the prosecutor, deposed that she was living with her husband in Penrith, but that she left him in consequence of his ill-treatment. She packed up the things in the box, and came to Sydney with the intention of going to Melbourne. She was going to live with prisoner, and took a

came to Sydney with the intention of going to Melbourne. She was going to live with prisoner, and took a passage for the three of them for Melbourne. She took the box from the train to the steamer's wharf. Prisoner had no knowledge that she was taking the goods. She tied the box up and took it outside, and asked prisoner to take it to Barlow's and get him to take it to the train. Mr. Hellyer addressed the jury. Mr. Forster replied. His Honor having summed up, the jury retired, and after an absence of nearly two hours, returned into court. The foreman stated that the jury were not agreed, nor were they likely to agree. The jury were then sent back to their room. At 9 o'clock they came into court, but still were unable to agree. His Honor again explained the case, but the foreman of the jury said there was no likelihood of their agreeing. The jury were therefore locked up for the night.

JURORS FINED.—Yesterday morning, at the Court of Quarter Sessions, the following persons were each fined £3 for non-attendance as jurors:—Ellis Kron, tailor, 280 George-street; Caleb Kersey, landowner, 15 Dixon-street; and Robert King, householder, 265 Forbes-street, Sydney.