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HAPTON.

CHANGE RINGING.—A company of change ringers met at Hapton on Saturday last and rang a true and complete 1875 changes in one hour and eight minutes. Part of the peal was from Holt's 720, without a single. The performers were W. West, treble; S. Downing, 2nd; James Bennett, 3rd; W. Reeve, 4th (who has not been a six-bell ringer more than eighteen months); E. Bennett, 5th (who composed and conducted the peal); Jno. Bennett, tenor. The weight of the tenor is 13 cwt.

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LONG STRATTON.

PETTY SESSIONS—TUESDAY.

A CURIOUS CASE.

James White of Hapton, formerly a small farmer, was charged under remand with stealing one carriage rug, one horse cloth, and a box of paper collars on the 23rd of September, 1873, the property of the Rev. E. R. Chute of Moulton, J.P. Mr. S. Linay (Sadd & Linay) of Norwich appeared for the accused.

The Rev. Edward Russell Chute stated that on the 23rd of September, 1873, he was driving from Saxlingham to his residence at Moulton, and on the turnpike road he lost from his trap a carriage rug, a horse cloth, and a box of paper collars (the collars belonging to his servant), and that he shortly afterwards reported the loss to the police of the district. In the October number of the "Depwade Magazine" (a Church publication) was inserted the following notice:—"Lost, on Tuesday, the 23rd of September, probably between Saxlingham and Fornsett St. Mary, a carriage rug, a horse rug, and a small paper parcel. Any one bringing the above to Moulton Rectory will be rewarded." He was, however, unable to obtain any information until last week, when Police-constable Stapleton showed witness the carriage rug, which was now produced and identified as one of the articles lost.

James Richardson, a police-constable stationed at Fornsett St. Peter, stated that in September of 1873 he received information of the loss of the property, and made inquiries, but was unable to find the same. On Friday

last, however, witness, in company with Police-constable Stapleton, was on duty at Fornsett St. Mary and saw the prisoner, and said to him, "White, about fifteen or eighteen months since did you happen to find a parcel containing a horse-rug, a carriage-rug, and a box of collars." Prisoner replied that he did not, and if he had he would not recollect it. The constable then said, "Well, we have got a search warrant to search your house for the things." Prisoner replied "Well, I have got nothing of the kind there." We then walked towards the prisoner's house, and going along he said, "I remember I did find a parcel about that time, and it contained the things you named, but I have not got all the things now at home, as I lent the horse-cloth to a man about three months since." On proceeding to the prisoner's house he handed over the collars from a drawer, and the carriage-rug from an up-stair room.—By Mr. Linay: I reside in the adjoining parish to Moulton. I did not see the "Depwade Magazine" for October, 1873, until last week. In 1873 the prisoner was a small farmer.

Thomas Stapleton a police-constable stationed at Tasburgh, produced a box of collars and a carriage rug that he found at the prisoner's house, and deposed that on asking the prisoner to whom he had lent the horse cloth, he replied "I pledged it at Norwich"—and handed a pawnticket referring to the article.—By Mr. Linay: I did not happen to see the "Depwade Magazine" for October, 1873. I was not at that time stationed in the neighborhood.

Louisa Yallop, a niece of the prisoner, stated that in October 1873, she was residing with the prisoner, and that she took the pamphlet "Depwade Magazine," and remembered observing the notice of the loss of the Rev.

Mr. Chute's rug, &c., but could not say she ever told her uncle of it. The prisoner could not read or write.

This being the case for the prosecution Mr. Linay addressed the bench, and in an able speech contended that no jury would be found to convict the prisoner of "stealing" the articles upon such evidence, and he then proceeded to explain what the law was as relating to persons finding property on a high road; and contended that in order to convict a finder, it must be proved that at the time of the finding, there was either the owner's name upon the article, or something which afforded the finder the means of knowing who the owner was *at the time* he picked the articles up. In support of this, Mr. Linay cited the cases of *Reg. v. Thurbon* (Denman's Crown cases, page 338), and *Reg. v. Glyde* (Law Reporter, C.C. 139.) Mr. Linay also called attention to the case of a man named Matthews, who was indicted at the City of Norwich, at the December Quarter Sessions of 1872, for stealing two bullocks which he alleged he found straying on the road, and was shortly afterwards actually told to whom they belonged, and in spite of that information disposed of the bullocks for his own benefit, and was accordingly convicted of stealing the same; but on appeal to one of the superior courts, the conviction was quashed on the ground that what the prisoner did was subsequent to his finding the property. Upon these grounds, and on the authorities referred to, Mr. Linay submitted that the prisoner in the present case ought not to be committed for trial. After a few minutes' deliberation, the Bench decided to commit the prisoner for trial at the next Quarter Sessions, but on the application of Mr. Linay, he was admitted to bail.

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SINGULAR CHARGE OF BIGAMY.

Abraham Moore, laborer, Yeast-yard, Muspole-street, was summoned for that he on the 22nd of March, 1875, did feloniously marry and take to wife Hannah Golding, Harriett his former wife, to whom he was previously married (to wit, on the 1st day of November, 1853), being then alive. Mr. Stanley supported the information; Mr. Atkinson defended. From an outline of the case given by Mr. Stanley, it appears that the complainant (who is about sixty years of age, the defendant being somewhat younger) in the year 1839 was married at Lakenham to a man named Robert Porter Nash, her maiden name being Brown. After residing together about two years—the result of the marriage being that a child was born, and is still living—Nash deserted her, and complainant for some years heard nothing more of him. In the interval she formed an attachment with the defendant, to whom she was married in 1853, and lived with him until 1873, three children being the result of the marriage. In consequence of some difference, Moore in that year left complainant, though an order had since been made upon him by the Long Stratton magistrates to pay 1s. 6d. a-week towards her maintenance. Defendant had since married Hannah Golding, and hence the present proceedings. Mr. Stanley was about to call defendant's first wife as a witness, but Mr. Atkinson objecting, and Mr. Kennett (Magistrates' Clerk) supporting, on the ground that a wife cannot be a witness against her husband, she was not called. Mr.

Stanley said he should be able to prove the case without her, and called

Issac Moore, carrier and dealer, Hapton in Norfolk, who said that in the year 1853 he was present at Aslacton Church when complainant and defendant were married. At this time complainant's name was Nash. Witness said that some years after this, Nash turned up, and a disturbance arose out of it. At the solicitation of complainant, who preferred Moore to her first love, witness went to the Rev. Mr. Wilson of Fornsett in order to ascertain whether the second marriage was legal, and the advice the rev. gentleman gave was that they had better try and live together. Witness attested the paper produced.

The next witness called was William Star, of Yeast Yard, Muspole-street, who stated that he and his wife were present as witnesses, when the defendant and Hannah Golding were married at the District Registry of Norwich on the 22nd March, 1875.

This being the case in support of the prosecution, Mr. Atkinson's contention was that as Nash was alive seven years after the marriage of Moore and the complainant, therefore the second marriage was null and void. He called

John Moore (no relation to the defendant), a laborer living at Fornsett, and formerly landlord of the Duke of Norfolk Arms in that village, who stated that he remembered the complainant both before and after her marriage with Nash, with whom she lived about a mile off his

house. He had seen Nash since the woman had married Moore. This, to the best of his recollection, was about fourteen or fifteen years ago, when he called at witness's house and stayed several hours. A day or two after this, he saw both Moore and Mrs. Nash, who were then living together, when he told them whom he had seen.

John Wilson Nash, a shop-keeper in Ber-street, brother to Robert Porter Nash, said he had seen his brother in 1860 or 1861, when he called at his house. He came from Leicester. Witness heard of him by letter two or three years afterwards, but he believed he was now dead. In answer to Mr. Stanley, witness said that he often heard his brother talk of his wife (the woman now present), and complained that she had been a bad wife to him.

Mr. Atkinson then handed in the certificate of the original marriage, and asked the magistrates to dismiss the case.

After consultation, the Mayor said the magistrates dismissed the case.

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MONDAY.

Present—The Mayor (E. K. HARVEY, Esq.), W. J. U. BROWNE, T. WELLS, and J. M. VENNING, Esqs.

Robert Staff, Hapton, labourer, for being drunk and disorderly on Orford Hill, on Saturday night, was fined 5s. and the costs 6d.

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BIRTHS.

BECK.—On the 15th inst., at Ormesby, Mrs. George Morris Beck of a daughter.

PRICE.—On the 9th inst., at Hapton Parsonage, the wife of the Rev. J. E. Price of a daughter.

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**CONTAGIOUS
DISEASES AMONGST CATTLE.**

MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

The adjourned meeting of the Central Committee appointed by the Local Authority for Norfolk for the purpose of carrying out the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1869, was held on Saturday, at the Sairehall, Norwich, Major PENRICE presiding.

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the sub-committee, in accordance with the instructions given at the last meeting, had sub-divided three large districts and appointed additional inspectors. The great difficulty the committee had to contend with was the fact that most of the qualified veterinary surgeons resided in towns. The gentlemen appointed by the sub-committee were:—Mr. Buckenham, of Harleston; Mr. Rattee, of Hapton; and Mr. Margetson, of Stoke Ferry. These gentlemen had accepted the office, and their appointment was confirmed.

Several members suggested other alterations which might be made, and the CHAIRMAN promised that the sub-committee would take such suggestions into consideration, and, if they saw no objection, would adopt them.

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