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**NEWS SUMMARY.**

Job Haslam, landlord of the Gate Inn, Tansley, was committed for trial by the Matlock Magistrates on Wednesday on a charge of receiving a gold watch, valued at £20, knowing it to have been stolen, and on a charge of stealing this watch and a Gladstone bag, together valued at £20, from a students' camp at Matlock Moor, George West, quarryman, was also sent for trial.

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**THE WEEK'S POLICE.  
ALLEGED THEFT AT MATLOCK.  
An Echo of the Christian Union Camp.  
Quarryman Committed for Trial.**

**Serious Charge against a Tansley Publican.**

For several summers there have been encampments on Matlock Moor in connection with the British College Christian Union, and on July 31st. last year, whilst the students were sleeping in the tents, there was stolen from one of them a big Gladstone bag, containing articles of clothing, etc., and a gold watch and chain, the whole belonging to Wilfred Arthur Erlebach, who valued the property at £25. The bag, with some of its contents, was found under some stones in a quarry at Lumsdale but the watch and chain were gone. However, on July 31st, a young quarryman, named West, handed the watch to Job Haslam, landlord of the Gate Inn, Tansley, who, according to West, lent him 17s upon it. Erlebach valued the watch at £20.

On Saturday, George West, late of Matlock Bank, was taken before Mr Job Smith, at the office of the Magistrates' Clerk, and P.c.Ellse, having given formal evidence of arrest, West was remanded until Wednesday on a charge of stealing a Gladstone bag, containing clothing, etc., and a gold watch, together valued at £25, the property of Wilfred A Erlebach on July 31st. 1903.

On Wednesday, Mr Tom Wright (in the chair) and Mr Job Smith were the sitting magistrates at a special court when accused was again brought up. Job Haslam, landlord of the Gate Inn, Tansley, was also charged with receiving from George West, on Aug. 1st, this watch, knowing it to have been stolen.

Wilfred Arthur Erlebach, of Blencathara, Shepherd's Hill, Highgate, London, student at the University College, London, who said he attended the annual conference at Matlock in July of last year. He slept with four others in a tent on Matlock Moor. He retired to rest about 11 o'clock on the night of 30th July, at which time his bag was at the side of the bed. He fastened his watch to

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the strap of the bag by the chain. He was awakened in the night by the wind and he felt round for his watch to see the time. It was then he discovered that the bag and watch were gone. He reported his loss to the pickets on duty and to the adjutant. There were fifteen to twenty separate tents. The Gladstone bag and gold watch produced were the ones missed by him, but there were several articles still missing. The watch was worth £20 and the silver chain attached was not forthcoming. The value of the stolen property altogether was £25.

Edward Tomlinson, quarryman, of Ashover, said he worked at Lumsdale, and when he went to work on the morning of July 31st he found the cabin door had been broken up. On looking round he noticed a pocket handkerchief and a pair of socks with initials. Witness, with some fellow workers, found the Gladstone bag under some stones in the quarry next morning. These things were handed over to the police. P.c.Upton said he met prisoner early in the morning in Wellington Street carrying the bag. He was coming from the direction of the Students' Camp towards the tram terminus. Prisoner wished him good morning. He knew him. From information received at the camp he went to the prisoner's lodgings, but found that he had not been there all night. Witness traced prisoner to the Gate Inn, Tansley, and from thence to the George and Dragon, Tansley. He went subsequently to Wessington and Crich and Holloway, but did not see the prisoner again. Prisoner had worked in the Lumsdale Quarry.

Robert Jepson, labourer, of Tansley, said he was at the Gate Inn - he believed it was Friday, July 31st. Prisoner was there. He had some food, the landlady giving it him, and presently produced the watch, which was now in court. He handed the watch round the room and wanted them to look at it. The landlord and himself were there. Witness saw that it was a good watch - too good for the prisoner to own. He took the watch out of his pocket and after they had seen it he put it back again. He did not offer to sell it in his presence.

Supt. Badger: You were rather surprised to see him with a watch like this? - Yes, sir. I was. Wouldn't you be yourself. (Laughter.) Continuing, he said both of them remained in the house about an hour.

P.c.Storey said on Jan. 1st he saw Jepson at the Gate Inn, Tansley, and afterwards had a conversation with the landlord. In consequence Haslam produced the watch, which witness took to Supt. Badger.

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P.c. Ellse said he arrested prisoner on Jan 1st on a warrant at Doncaster. In reply to the warrant, prisoner said "I know nothing." Witness brought him as far as Chesterfield that night, and on the following morning, going toward Chesterfield Railway Station, prisoner said, after being cautioned: "I would like to tell you something but I'm afraid I shall get someone else into a bother. I came out of Derby from doing ten days. I went to the "Duke" and got drunk. I went on to Matlock Moor and saw Soldier Bill. He handed me a watch and says 'can you get owt on this'. I said, 'aye.' We arranged to go to Tansley the following day. I went to the Gate Inn at Tansley and borrowed 17s on the watch, the landlord lending me the money. I went and saw Soldier Bill who was waiting outside. I gave him 10s and kept 7s for myself. I then went to the Big Dragon and had a drink. Soldier Bill went away. I know nothing about the bag."

Prisoner, who had nothing to say, was committed to take his trial at the Assizes on Feb. 26th. The Bench offering to accept as bail prisoner in £50, and two sureties of £25 each.

**Tansley Publican Charged with Receiving  
Stolen Goods.**

The summons against Job Haslam was then heard. Mr F.C.Lymn appeared for the defendant.

P.c.Upton, formally stationed at Matlock, described a visit to the Gate Inn, Tansley, on July 31st, when he saw Mrs Haslam, to whom he said they were making enquiries with reference to a robbery at Matlock Moor. He told her if anything should be offered for sale in her place to communicate with the village constable. Mrs Haslam said the man had been there. Afterwards they met Job Haslam. In reply to questions, he said he knew West but had not seen him that day.

P.c.Storey corroborated the evidence and added that on Jan. 1st he called at the Gate Inn and saw Haslam. When asked if West did not produce a gold watch in the house he answered "It was only an old bronze thing." Afterwards witness pressed him, and then Haslam, taking him outside admitted that he did have a watch from West. He produced it and said West saw him at the bottom of the yard. West, holding a watch, said "Give me a pound on this," and he gave him 18s, keeping 2s for what West owed him on a previous occasion. When the summons was served upon Haslam he said "I did not know the watch was stolen at the time. West said he had done ten days for it. He had it off a Jew and was going away. I lent

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him 18s upon it.”

Robert Jepson, labourer, of Tansley, described the occasion when West and himself were in the Gate Inn, and the watch was handed round. It was done quite openly. Mrs Haslam asked West his name and he replied Marriott, and that he was a stone-cutter living at Ashover. Mr Haslam was there at the time.

Replying to Mr Lymn, Jepson said there had been a Jew in Tansley selling watches for several summers, but there were a good many had not been paid for yet. (Laughter.) He sold gold and silver watches.

Re-examined by Supt. Badger, who held up the stolen watch, Jepson said the watches sold by the Jew were not like that one. (Laughter.)

Supt. Badger: Could you tell me what they were worth? - I could not say that. The one I saw he sold for ten guineas - it was probably worth five. (Loud laughter.)

Supt. Badger: You had better make less noise or you will have to go outside. It is no laughing matter.

Mr Lymn made an able appeal to the Bench to give defendant the benefit of the doubt. He pointed out that he was a license-holder and a very respectable man. Haslam did not know at the time that the watch was stolen. He did a most foolish thing, no doubt, but even West, speaking to P.c. Ellse at Chesterfield, said Haslam only lent him the money on the watch.

The Bench decided to send the case for trial.

The magistrates fixed bail at £50 for the prisoner and two sureties of £25 each. Mr Sydney Smith and Mr Joseph Arrow Smith were the sureties.

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**THE WEEK'S POLICE.**

**TANSLEY YOUTH GETS ANOTHER CHANCE.**

John Alfred Hirst, aged 18, of no fixed abode, was charged at Matlock Petty Sessions on Wednesday with sleeping in an outhouse on the Dale Road without any visible means of subsistence. P.c. Bunting stated the case.

The Chairman (Mr Marsden Smedley) said the Bench had decided to adjourn the case for a month. If prisoner obtained work in the meantime no further proceedings would be taken against him for this offence.

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**DERBYSHIRE ASSIZES.**

**Theft at Tansley.**

**PUBLICAN SENT TO GAOL FOR RECEIVING.**

George West, 22, quarryman, was indicted for stealing a Gladstone bag containing clothing and a gold watch, of the value of £25, the property of Wilfred Arthur Erlebach, at Matlock, on July 31st; and Job Haslam, described as a licensed victualler, was charged with receiving the watch, value £20, from West, well knowing it to have been stolen, at Tansley, on Aug 1st, 1903.

Mr W.B.Hextall conducted the case for the prosecution, whilst Haslam was defended by Mr Buszard, Q.C., with whom was Mr H.A.McCardie.

The case against the quarryman was taken first, and the evidence was to the effect that Mr Erlebach, a student at the London University College, was with a number of other young men camping on Matlock Moor in July of last year. One day he missed his portmanteau, and after reporting the matter to the "adjutant" and making a thorough search they communicated with the police. On Jan 1st a county police sergeant received the prisoner into custody at Doncaster. At Chesterfield the prisoner made a statement to the effect that a mate of his known as "Soldier Bill" handed him a watch on the Moor and asked him to "get something on it." He went to Tansley, and the landlord of a public house lent him 17s on it. He rejoined "Soldier Bill" outside the house, and gave him 10s, keeping the other 7s himself. They adjourned to another inn, and afterwards parted company.

Before summing up, his Lordship said that if it were the practice in any Court in that district to ask the accused person whether he wished to give evidence on his own behalf he was very doubtful whether it was a right and proper thing, because the Act of Parliament said, "if he elects:" a man ought not to be asked whether he wished to give evidence; the proper time for that was later. His Lordship also wished to say that the depositions of this case were almost illegible, and were certainly the worst written he had seen for some years.

Prisoner was found guilty.

The charge against Haslam was then taken.- A man named Jephson spoke to the prisoner West handing the watch round in the public-house. He did not say how it came into his possession.

Cross-examined by Mr Buszard, witness said that a man in the village of Tansley had been selling watches on the instalment

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principle.

Mr Buszard: If you don't pay you get a County Court summons, and then if you can't pay you go to prison? (Laughter.)

Witness: Yes, very often. He added that these watches were of a different class to that in respect to which this charge was preferred.

A police-sergeant deposed to making enquiries in January at the Gate Inn, which the prisoner Haslam kept. Haslam, after some questioning, admitted having lent West some money on the watch. West accosted him in the inn yard, and said he had already "done 10 days" for that watch, and asked him to lend him a sovereign on it. Haslam did so, keeping 2s back in respect to a debt West owed him.

Cross-examined by Mr Buszard, witness said he understood Haslam to say that West had "done" the 10 days on a County Court committal. Witness could not say why it did not appear on the depositions that he said before the magistrates. He told Haslam there had been a robbery, and West was "wanted" for it.

Mr Buszard said that warning was the whole essence of the case, and closely questioned the witness on the point. The sergeant said the robbery was a matter of common talk in the village, and he might have assumed the prisoner knew of it when he was charged; at any rate he told Haslam that West was "wanted."

The defence was then opened, Haslam entering the box. He said the Gate Inn had been in his family for over a century. He had known West for some time. Last August the man saw him in the inn yard, and offered him a watch, on which witness agreed to lend him £1. West owed him 2s, so he retained that amount, giving him the other 18s.

In his address to the jury, Mr Buszard asked the jury to believe the prisoner's story that he did not know whether it was a good or a bad watch, a gold or a bronze one. He was an honest, ignorant man, and the monogram on the back of the watch would convey precious little to his mind. (Laughter.) He did not think an exaggerated value had been place on the watch. Mr Buszard also remarked upon the fact that West had handed the watch round in the tap-room, and said that this action in itself was sufficient to disarm suspicion as to the ownership.

In summing up, his Lordship pointed out the importance of the charge for if there were no receivers there would be fewer thieves. If they thought the prisoner a thick-headed, honest Briton, the evidence as to character that had been called should weigh in his favour. He appeared to be an extraordinarily thick-headed person -

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(laughter) - and for the first time in his life he might have the benefit of being a “booby”.

Haslam was found guilty, and the judge passed sentence of three months’ hard labour in this case, as well as in that of West.

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**JUDGE AND TANSLEY PUBLICAN.  
His Lordship’s Interest in the Prisoner.  
Thinks He is Not Guilty.  
Singular State of Affairs.**

The question of the license of the Gate Inn, Tansley was considered by the Matlock justices on Wednesday. The Magistrates’ Clerk (Mr Jas. Potter) said the circumstances under which this came before the Bench were that Job Haslam, the former landlord, was convicted of felony at the recent Assizes and that, therefore, the license was forfeited.

Mr C.Granville Heny (Matlock) appeared for the owner, the Rev Wolley Dod, and Mr F.C.Lymn (Matlock Bath) for the Haslam family. Mr Heny applied for temporary protection until next licensing day; firstly, on behalf of the wife of Job Haslam; secondly to Mr Stone, her son by a former husband, and then if the magistrates were unwilling to acquiesce in either case he would submit the name of Mr Colin Campbell Oliver, licensee of the Fountain Inn, Bonsall.

Mr Lymn said he had received a letter from Mr Justice Bucknill who had taken great interest in the matter and he wished him to lay it before the Bench. Writing from the Judges’ Lodgings, Derby, on March 3rd, to Mr F.C.Lymn, Mr Justice Bucknill said:-

I have just returned from an official visit to the prisoner here and have had a talk with the prisoner Haslam, convicted before me at the late Assizes this week for receiving a stolen watch.

The object I had for seeing him was to satisfy myself, if possible, of a doubt I had at the trial, of his guilt, but he is of too stupid an intellect to get from him any statement of real virtue except that he did not know at the time when he lent the £1 on the watch that it was stolen property.

I must say that I am of opinion that he did not know it, and that if he had not been a most stupid witness the jury would have acquitted him, but he stood in the box and either could not or would not answer the simplest questions.

What I wish to save for him is the license of “The Gate Inn”, his chief source of income, and if you are still willing to act for him and would like to make known the contents of this letter

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to the Licensing Justices I should be glad.

Putting it shortly: my opinion is that the prisoner lent money on the watch at the request of the thief and did not know that it was stolen property, very probably did not think about it, and that when the police went to him he got frightened and told lies until he voluntarily gave up the watch later on.

Should you desire to see me or write me I shall be at Nottingham for the next few days.

The Chairman said the Bench had already received a letter from Mr Justice Bucknill similar to that.

Mr Lymn said he saw his Lordship in Nottingham on Monday, when he went into the case again and was still of opinion that he would like, if possible, with their Worships' consent, that the license should be kept in the Haslam family.

The Chairman: It is very kind of him to make that statement, but I think the Bench is simply bound by the sentence he has passed on the prisoner. We cannot go beyond that. It is quite beyond my comprehension - but we cannot go into the question of what the Judge may think. He sentenced him to three months' hard labour. Presumably the man is guilty.

Mr Lymn: He suggests that the license should be given to Mrs Haslam or her son - not to Haslam himself. On those grounds I submit an application that the license be granted to Mrs Haslam.

Supt. Badger: I object to any member of the Haslam family having the license. I don't wish to say anything about it unless I am forced, but, if necessary, I will give my reasons.

The Chairman: The Bench cannot grant this license to Mrs Haslam.

Mr Heny submitted the name of Jas. Stone, Mrs Haslam's son, and

Mr Lymn, in answer to Mr Clay, said this property had been in Mrs Haslam's family - not Mr Haslam's - for nearly two hundred years. Mrs Haslam had been married three times, and he believed this was the property of the second husband.

Mr Heny handed in references as to the character, and Jas. Stone went into the box, but

The Chairman said the bench could not grant the license to this applicant. They considered him too young, and that he had no knowledge of the business.

Mr Colin Campbell Oliver was then put forward as an applicant. He had held the license of the Fountain Inn, Bonsall, about twelve years, he said, and had lived in a public-house all his life. If this

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license were granted him he would endeavour to get the license of the Fountain Inn transferred to a nephew, who would take it over. The place belonged to Alton's brewery.

Mr Clay: Is the Gate Inn a tied house? - No, it is perfectly free.

Supt.Badger said he had no objections to make to Mr Oliver, who had conducted his house in Bonsall very well.

Mr Oliver said he was prepared to take this house.

Mr Lymn: When he can get possession .

Mr Oliver added that he had no wish to stand in the way of the Haslam family.

The Chairman (to Mr Lymn): You appear for the Haslam family and the Court understand you to say that this applicant cannot get possession?

Mr Lymn: I do, sir. He added that the license was forfeited but they were under no notice and they would not give up the premises or any portion of the land until they were compelled. They would stay there till the last day. They were not trespassers.

The Chairman: What would be the length of the necessary notice?

Mr Lymn explained that his clients had been tenants for so many years that in all probability the landlord did not know when they entered. It was probably about 18 months before his clients could be got out.

Mr Heny: I can only say it is base ingratitude. I contend that directly the license is forfeited they are trespassers.

The Chairman said that they could not express an opinion on that point, but the Bench could not see how Mr Oliver could possibly carry on the licensed business unless he had full possession of the premises.

Mr Heny said he would apply for temporary authority to sell until next licensing day - a fortnight hence. Then he hoped to be able to show their Worships how they would be able to carry on the business for the benefit of the public and apply for a new license.

The Chairman said the Bench could give temporary authority for a fortnight to Mrs Haslam, on the understanding that Mr Heny would apply again in the Court on that day. This did not prejudice in any way what the bench would do. They could not accept Mrs Haslam or her son as the tenants of the property.

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12 March 1904	5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEWS SUMMARY.</b></p> <p>The funeral of Mr Gervase Taylor, of Spout Farm, Tansley, took place at Tansley on Friday.</p>
26 Narch 1904	5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEWS SUMMARY.</b></p> <p>Mrs Haslam, wife of the former license holder of the Gate Inn, Tansley (who was convicted by Mr Justice Bucknill for “receiving” a stolen watch), has been granted temporary authority to sell for another month in consideration of her promise to quit the licensed premises during that period.</p>

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**THE WINTER PASTIME.  
 MATLOCK AND DISTRICT LEAGUE  
 DIVISION B**

Results up to date  
 P W L D F A Pts

Matlock Parish Ch.							
Alderwasley							
Lea Amateurs							
*Matlock Reserve							
Brassington							
Tansley Amateurs	16	7	8	1	14	26	15
Fritchley Reserve							
Wirksworth Res							
*Cromford Reserve							

\* 2 points deducted for breach of rules.

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**GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK.  
 AND WEST DERBYSHIRE.**

There is dissension among the congregation at Tansley Parish Church in consequence of an innovation introduced by the Rector, the Rev J.Brodie Mais. A portion of the sum recently handed over as a result of the ball at Tansley, so I am informed, has been utilised in the purchase of a brass cross and two brass vases, which have been placed on the communion table on a raised stand in front of the reredos. In order to show it up better, presumably, red cloth forms the background, and this covers part of the wording of the Lord's Prayer, which, painted on the reredos, has always been in full view of the congregation.

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**WEDDINGS.  
 TANSLEY.**

**Thraves - Storey.**

At Holy Trinity Church, Tansley, on Tuesday, the marriage of Mr M. H.Thraves of Sheffield and Miss M.R.Storey, eldest daughter of Mr G.W.Storey, of Tansley, Matlock, was solemnised, the ceremony being performed by the Rev J.Brodie Mais, Rector. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in cream voile, trimmed with Brussels lace, and wore a cream chiffon picture hat, trimmed with ostrich feathers. The bridesmaids were Miss Annie Storey, sister of the bride, Miss Fanny Thraves, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss M.E.Vickers, of Sheffield. Mr Syd.

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		<p>C.Thraves, brother of the bridegroom, officiated as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home, at which Mr Storey, in an appropriate speech, proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom, and the toast was suitably acknowledged.</p> <p>Later in the day the party went for an enjoyable drive to Via Gellia, and in the evening a party of friends was entertained, the festivities being very much enjoyed. The presents were very numerous.</p>
23 April 1904	4	<p><b>NEWS SUMMARY.</b></p> <p>The Tansley publican, Haslam, who was sentenced at the last Assizes for receiving a stolen watch, has been released.</p>
23 April 1904	6	<p><b>TANSLEY PUBLICAN RELEASED.</b></p> <p><b>Haslam Regains his Liberty.</b></p> <p><b>Sheffielder gets the License.</b></p> <p>Something in the nature of a demonstration welcomed Mr Job Haslam home to Tansley on Sunday evening, in spite of the fact that only that morning had Mr F.C.Lymn, his solicitor, received an intimation from the Home Office that the "remainder" of his sentence had been remitted. And at Wednesday's Petty Sessions Mr Lymn was able to make the announcement that the Secretary of State was giving further consideration to the case with a view to granting a full and free pardon. Meanwhile, however, the Matlock magistrates have granted the license of the Gate Inn, Tansley, to Mr Geo.Barratt, holder of the license of the Ceylon Inn, Wellington Street, Sheffield, to whom Mrs Haslam had arranged to give up possession of the licensed premises on Thursday.</p> <p>The case has aroused extraordinary interest and his release will not cause surprise to the readers of <i>The Derbyshire Times</i> who perused Judge Bucknill's remarks on the case after the man was sentenced. The Judge's opinion was that if Haslam "had not been a most stupid witness the jury would have acquitted him." Mr F.C.Lymn, who represented Haslam, has been endeavouring to obtain a remission of the sentence, receiving a letter from the Home Office, stating that the Secretary of State had decided to advise the remission of the remainder of the prisoner's sentence, and had instructed the governor of H.M. prisons at Derby to discharge him forthwith. Haslam has served seven weeks' imprisonment.</p> <p>It was thought that the Bench would be influenced in favour of the Haslam family and not remove the license which had been in</p>

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Mrs Haslam's family nearly 200 years. But the Licensing Justices declined to consider an application on behalf of Mrs Haslam, or to grant it to Mr Stone, son of Mrs Haslam by a former husband. Eventually Mrs Haslam was granted temporary authority to sell for a fortnight, with a view to arrangements being made for the premises to be vacated.

On Wednesday the matter again came up at Matlock petty sessions, and there were upon the Bench, Mr J.B.Marsden-Smedley (in the chair), Mr Tom Wright, Mr Job Smith, Dr Moxon, and Mr Henry Cavendish. The application before them was on behalf of George Barratt.

Mr C.G.Heny, on behalf of the owner of the premises, said he had received from Mr Lymn a letter stating that Mr Job Haslam was prepared to give up possession of the Gate Inn, Tansley, to the tenant to whom the magistrates transferred the license. Every effort, he continued, had been made to carry out the suggestions made at the previous hearing with regard to securing the services of a local man - and he was confident the magistrates would appreciate difficulties that had arisen in providing suitable tenant under the circumstances, which, he ventured to think, were quite unique in that court. Mr Oliver had withdrawn his application, and the only local applications received were considered first. He regretted that not one was found whom they believed would commend himself to the court. Therefore they had to go elsewhere. He asked them to consider the application of George Barratt, of the Ceylon Inn, Wellington Street, Sheffield, and formerly license holder of the George and Dragon, Bank Street, Sheffield, with whose testimonials he thought they would be satisfied.

Mr Lymn, on Haslam's behalf, said he had received a letter that morning from the Under Secretary of State stating that he was considering making further enquiries in Job Haslam's case with a view to granting him a free pardon.

Eventually the Bench granted Barratt a license, saying it would have to come up again at the next licensing session.

30 April 1904

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**GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK  
AND WEST DERBYSHIRE.**

A large number attended the auction sale by Mr Jos. Hodgkinson at Spout Farm, Tansley, on Thursday, where livestock fetched good prices. The sale was caused by the recent death of Mr Gervase Taylor, who resided there for very many years.

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7 May 1904	6	<p><b>GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK AND WEST DERBYSHIRE.</b></p> <p>I regret to hear the death on Wednesday, of Miss Garton, of Lumsdale, who was Rector's warden at Tansley parish church until Easter, and for many years one of the Church school managers. For very many years the children have been indebted to this lady for their annual treat, but in many other ways Miss Garton exhibited a deep and abiding interest in their welfare and the loss to the church and parish of one who was of a most generous and kindly nature cannot be over estimated. With Mr Garton, a member of the Board of Guardians with whom his sister lived, deep sympathy will be shown in this bereavement. The funeral will take place at Tansley this (Saturday) afternoon.</p>
21 May 1904	3	<p><b>THE WEEK'S POLICE. ASSAULT AT TANSLEY. A WOMAN KICKED.</b></p> <p>Ellen Johnson, married woman, of Tansley, summoned John Knowles, quarryman, of Holloway, a former neighbour, for an assault at Tansley, on April 23rd. Knowles was quarrelling with his brothers, and as complainant and other neighbours were looking on, he kicked her. Sent to gaol for one month's hard labour.</p>
21 May 1904	5	<p><b>NEWS SUMMARY.</b></p> <p>Job Haslam who lost the license of the Gate Inn, Tansley, owing to a conviction for having received a watch knowing it to have been stolen, has now received a free pardon. He served seven weeks' imprisonment before the remainder of his sentence was remitted.</p>
21 May 1904	8	<p><b>TANSLEY PUBLICAN'S CONVICTION QUASHED. Free Pardon for Job Haslam.</b></p> <p>The unremitting efforts of Mr F.C.Lymn, of Matlock Bath, the solicitor engaged throughout for the defence of Mr Job Haslam, the Tansley publican, convicted of receiving a gold watch, knowing it to have been stolen, have been successful at last, and a free pardon has been granted on the advice of the Home Secretary. Mr Lymn is to be congratulated on the success thus achieved, and general satisfaction is felt in the fact that now Haslam, in whose guilt few in the district believed, is a free man and once more in the position to hold a publican's license.</p> <p>The history of this case is one of exceptional interest. From a students' camp held on Matlock Moor in July last a portmanteau</p>

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and gold watch was stolen. A day or two after a labourer known to Haslam called at his public-house, the Gate Inn, Tansley, and handed to the company in the public room a gold watch, with monogram. He went to Haslam subsequently and asked for the loan of a sovereign on the watch, saying he had had it from another man. Haslam lent the money and putting the watch away thought no more of the matter until early in January of this year. The man West, from whom he received the watch, was arrested on a charge of stealing it. Haslam at first denied having the watch but subsequently produced it. With West he was committed by the Matlock magistrates, and at Derby Assizes, having been found guilty, was sentenced by Mr Justice Bucknill to three months' imprisonment - a similar term to that imposed on West.

The Judge was not satisfied with the man's guilt, for on the next day he visited him in his cell, and the result of a long conversation was that he wrote to Mr Lymn, the prisoner's solicitor, expressing his belief that Haslam did not know, when he lent the money on the watch, that it was stolen property and that "if he had not been a most stupid witness the jury would have acquitted him." What the Judge wished to save for Haslam was his license; and he wrote in similar to the Licensing Justices. They declined, however, to consider applications on behalf of Haslam or his wife, though the tenancy of the premises had been in the latter's family nearly 200 years and they would not grant it to Mr Stone, Mrs Haslam's son by a former husband. Mr Barratt, a former Sheffield publican, was granted the license after Haslam had been discharged from gaol and Mr Lymn had received a letter from the Home Secretary stating that he advised the remission of the remainder of Haslam's sentence. This was after he had spent seven weeks in prison and now the latest letter to Mr Lymn, from the office of the Under Secretary for State, runs as follows:-

"I am directed by the Under Secretary of State to say that having made further enquiry and carefully considered all the facts he has felt justified in advising the grant of a free pardon to Haslam."

Meanwhile, however, Haslam has lost the license of the Gate Inn, but has the satisfaction that he has at last been able to clear his name from the stain of crime.

11 June 1904

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**SUDDEN DEATH AT TANSLEY.**

The painfully sudden death occurred at Tansley on Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday afternoon Mr Sydney Taylor, coroner for the High Peak Hundreds, held an enquiry into the circumstances

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at the Gate Inn, Tansley. It seems that Sarah Leaf, wife of Herbert Leaf, a framework knitter, who lives at Tansley, was watching her husband at work in the garden, when, about eight o'clock, she fell down suddenly. With assistance, Mr Leaf carried her into the house, but death occurred within an hour.

At the inquest, Herbert Leaf said his wife was 47 years of age. A neighbour helped him to carry her into the house, and Mrs Henstock came. His wife had never complained of any ailment except spasms and shortness of breath. It had been washing day.

A boy named Willie Palfreyman spoke to seeing her fall to the ground. And then Mrs Henstock, who stayed with her till her death, said she complained once of a pain in her head, but was insensible most of the time. Deceased had complained to her of pains near her heart and of shortness of breath.

Dr Joyns, who is locum for Dr Crarere, said there were no marks on the body of any description, and he thought it probable that death was due to apoplexy or some lesion in the brain. There was certainly no reason to suspect anything, but natural causes.

A verdict was returned of 'Death from natural causes, probably apoplexy.'

2 July 1904 3

**Brevities.**  
**TANSLEY.**

At Matlock on Wednesday, Robert Jepson, a labourer, of Tansley, failed to appear in answer to a summons for an assault on Elizabeth Parkin, landlady of the Duke of Wellington, Matlock Bank, on June 24th, and the Bench issued a warrant for his arrest.

27 Aug 1904 5

**NEWS SUMMARY.**

The remains of Mr Stephen Smith, aged 81, who died on Thursday, 18th August, were interred in Tansley Parish Churchyard, on Monday. Deceased was one of the pioneers of nursery gardening in Tansley.

24 Sept 1904 3

**BETTER FARMING PROSPECTS.**  
**A GOOD HARVEST IMPROVES THE AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK.**  
**OUR ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL REPORTS.**

**Farmers and Tariff Reform.**

**TANSLEY**

An experienced agriculturalist in this district observes: - it is certainly a great advantage to publish these reports six weeks later than usual, as we can tell much better how we stand, as most of our

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crops have now been housed.

The hay crop is of very good quality, and has been gathered in with very little expense, though the quantity is less than usual.

Early potatoes have been a poor crop the yield being small and the quality indifferent. Second earlies have plenty at the roots, but are very small. Lates are looking well, but are not likely to turn out anything like the bumping crops we are used to.

Common turnips are going yellow in the tops much earlier than usual, and as this will lessen their time of growth we cannot expect the crop to be an average.

Swedes are maturing nicely, and we are hopeful of a full crop.

Wheat and oats in the ear are nicely grown and of good quality, but the straw is short in most fields.

Mushroom trespassers are a sore trial as they tramp over our fields from early morning to late at night. Our fences have been knocked down, and our cattle have strayed, but farmers have now a legal remedy.

What with the increase of rates and taxes, and the dropping of prices for our produce, the farmers' lot is anything but a pleasant one.

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22 Oct 1904		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK. AND WEST DERBYSHIRE.</b></p> <p>The will has been proved of Mr Matthew Sheppard, of the Yew Tree Farm, Matlock Cliff, who came here to live in retirement after being in business in the Sheffield and Chesterfield districts. The gross net personality is put at £1,006.</p>
3 Dec 1904	8	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK. AND WEST DERBYSHIRE.</b></p> <p>The offer of Mr J.H.Scholes, of Tansley, to provide ammunition as well as prizes for those taking part in a competition next season in connection with the Matlock Rifle Club is generous, and should be the means off inducing many working men to join the club. Only new members will be able to enter for the competition. The cost of ammunition is always a serious matter to those whose spending power is limited, but these conditions remove a stumbling block, and it would be a good thing if others would come forward to do the like.</p>
17 Dec 1904	3	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brevities. TANSLEY.</b></p> <p>Thomas White, labourer, of Tansley, was fined 5s and costs for using violent and abusive language on November 26th. - Supt.Richardson proved the case.</p> <p>John Quigley, labourer, of Tansley, was fined 10s and costs, or 14 days, for being drunk and disorderly at Matlock on December 1st. - Sergt.Ellse gave evidence.</p>
24 Dec 1904	8	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK. AND WEST DERBYSHIRE.</b></p> <p>Matlock, Cromford, Darley Dale, Winster and District.</p> <p>The proposed Mid-Derbyshire railway has met with general approval in the Matlock district. It is, therefore, all the more to be regretted that, as announced in another column of two-days issue, it has been found necessary to postpone the scheme until next year. Locally there is a feeling that whatever may be the actual facilities that the line might afford, the competition that it would introduce could not fail to have a stimulating effect upon the Midland. During the past week Matlock Urban Council and Tansley Parish Council both expressed assent to the scheme, Bakewell Rural Council, on the other hand, decided to remain neutral. The Tansley</p>

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representative, Mr E.H.Garton, was far from optimistic in regard to the scheme. His objection, however, if conscientious, lacked the merit of consistency, for in the same breath he declared that the scheme would not be of much use and might stop a better line being made. The Tansley Parish Council differ from their representative at Bakewell. It is difficult to see what real objective can be advanced against any scheme that promises to open up connection between the isolated villages of the Peak and Mid-Derbyshire and towns. The villagers are continually bemoaning their isolation and to it attribute much of their troubles and shortcomings - financial and otherwise.

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24 Dec 1904	9	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PULPIT, CHOIR AND PLATFORM.</b> <b>News Relating to Matters Ecclesiastical in the County.</b></p> <p>TANSLEY.</p> <p>The Tansley Parish Council has hitherto been lighted with oil lamps, but gas having recently been extended to the village, it has been decided that the church shall be lighted with gas. The oil lamps were disposed of to a Northampton Church, and this realised a reasonable sum of money. To augment this a rummage sale was held in the Tansley Day Schools last Saturday afternoon and evening. The large and miscellaneous assortment of articles were disposed of by private sale. The stallholders were as follows:- Old clothes and hats, Mrs Smith, Mrs Askew, and the Misses Stone. Crockery.- Miss Smith and Miss Taylor. Brownware and curios.- Miss A.Smith and Miss S.Taylor. Books and pictures.- Miss Nancy Smith, Miss Carrie Dennis, and Miss Chrissie Smith. Good business was done, about £11 being realised towards the £25 required. The remainder of the articles were disposed of by public auction, conducted by Mr Chamberlain of Matlock. The church on Sunday evening, for the first time, was lighted with gas, which was found to be a great improvement, and gave every satisfaction. The work has been carried out by Mr Thomas Dawes, of Tansley.</p>
31 Dec 1904	3	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brevities.</b> <b>TANSLEY.</b></p> <p>Stephen Reeves, labourer, of Tansley, was summoned at Matlock Petty Sessions on Wednesday, before Dr Moxon and Messrs Job Smith, G.Else, and G.W.Ashberry, for using indecent language on December 17th at Tansley. - P.c.Storer proved the case, and the defendant, pleading guilty, was fined 10s and 7s costs.</p>
31 Dec 1904	8	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GLEANINGS IN THE PEAK.</b> <b>AND WEST DERBYSHIRE.</b></p> <p>The fund which is being raised to defray the cost of the introduction of gas to Tansley was augmented as the result of a successful dance, which took place in the village schoolroom on Monday evening. A social entertainment and Christmas tree were also attractive features of the evening's proceedings. Mrs Smith, Mrs Taylor, Miss Smith, and Miss McMunn, assisted at the tea, and the Rev Brodie Mais, Mrs Mais, and Mr Mais actively interested themselves in the proceedings. On Tuesday evening the waitresses and others who had busied themselves at the previous</p>

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evening's gathering, had a very enjoyable dance in the schoolroom. The substitution of gas lighting for oil in the Parish Church has afforded the greatest satisfaction, and the extension of the improved system throughout the village is eagerly anticipated.