

## **POLICE COURTS.**

### **PERTH.**

Friday.—Before Mr. A. B. Kidson, Acting P.M., and Mr. J. McKenna, J.P.)

**Settlement Advised.**—In the case in which Mary Ann Bowman charged her husband, James Bowman, with desertion and failure to provide her with reasonable maintenance the Bench, after hearing the evidence of complainant, advised the parties to endeavour to come to an amicable settlement, and the case was adjourned for a week. Complainant alleged that during the week preceding March 5 defendant was drunk every night. He had threatened her life, and abused her. On the night of March 5 there was a quarrel about money, and defendant left the house after packing his belongings. He did not return and had since paid nothing towards her support. Complainant was willing to go with her husband to the country, as he desired, but she was under medical treatment, and her doctor had advised her to remain in the city. At this stage the Bench considered a private settlement possible. Mr. L. O. Seaton appeared for complainant, and Mr. Walter Dwyer for defendant.

**Arrangement by Consent.**—John and Roy McDonald were each charged with having disobeyed a maintenance order made against them for the support of their parents, John and Lucy McDonald. The orders were each for 4s. a week, and the arrears were £9 16s. and £7 15s. in the respective cases. The defendants pleaded straitened circumstances in extenuation, and, by the consent of complainants, the orders were suspended until the arrears should be paid.

**Maintenance Order Disobeyed.**—Sydney Fred. Gillett, who failed to appear, was charged with having disobeyed a maintenance order made against him for £2 a week for the support of his wife. Complainant said she had received no money from her husband since August 5. A fine of £5 was imposed.

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**False Pretences and Vagrancy.**—Michael Ankudinow (25), labourer, and John William Laidlaw (42), labourer, were charged with having falsely pretended on October 2 to M. Saffer that a cheque for £5, drawn on the National Bank, was genuine, and with being idle and disorderly persons. Evidence was given that Ankudinow and his wife entered the shop of B. Jones, at 312 William-street at 11 a.m. on October 2, and bought a pair of shoes, and a pair of stockings. Accused tendered the cheque in payment, but Jones refused it, after consulting the National Bank. At 1.30 p.m. accused endeavoured to buy a dress for his wife at M. Saffer's shop, in William-street. Mrs. Saffer accepted the cheque, and, being short of change, asked Jones to change it. The cheque was recognised by Jones, who informed a constable. In Saffer's shop accused snatched the cheque from the constable and tore it up. He violently resisted arrest. Laidlaw was seen outside the shop, and in the company of accused. In defence Ankudinow said he had recently arrived from Chidlow's Well. He met Laidlaw on the day of question. Laidlaw offered to buy his wife a dress, and gave him the cheque, asking him to return the change. He (Ankudinow) did not know the cheque was valueless. Laidlaw denied all knowledge of the cheque. Maggie Ankudinow, who was charged with the two accused, was acquitted, but the two men were sentenced to three months' imprisonment on each charge. For resisting arrest, using obscene language, and wilfully damaging property in Saffer's shop during the struggle. Ankudinow was sentenced to a further six weeks' imprisonment.

(Before Messrs. P. Menzies and H. E.  
Wells, J's.P.)

**Assault.**—Con. Maloxis, who assaulted Theodore Schwannson, as a result of an argument on September 12, was fined £1.

**Unlawful Detention.**—F. Ashton, charged with the unlawful detention of property to the value of £12, belonging to Ellen G. Bay.

with the unlawful detention of property to the value of £12, belonging to Ellen C. Barlow, and stored in the cellar of the house which he was renting in Webb-street, Cottesloe, was ordered to relinquish the property. Complainant stated that she had frequently demanded her property, which included clothing, crockery, gardening tools etc., but her demand had been refused. Defendant said there had been a lawsuit in connection with the ownership of the house, and he did not know who was entitled to the goods in the cellar. Mr. R. Cooper appeared for complainant.