

BOULDER ASSAULT CASES

KEENAN AND BROWN.

SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

Thomas Brown and Samuel Keenan, who on the previous day were each found guilty in a charge that they at Boulder on April 4, unlawfully assaulted John Pavelkin and thereby caused him bodily harm, were brought up for sentence before Mr. Justice Northmore in the Kalgoorlie Circuit Court yesterday.

Mr. Cook, for the accused, said that Keenan had been in West Australia for 23 years. In 1917 when things were looking very bad, he enlisted. He was over age and gave his age as 37 years. He was married, and had led an unimpeachable life. The police had nothing against him. He asked that Keenan should be let out on a recognisance.

His Honour said that the jury had taken a lenient view of the case. He had undoubtedly committed a brutal assault. A fine would not meet the case. He would be sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Mr. Cook spoke of Brown's good character. He had not been brought up in a court before. His two brothers were killed at the war, and he was the sole support of his aged mother.

His Honour said he thought the jury had taken a lenient view of the case. It was impossible to overlook an assault of this description. Brown would be sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Brown: Thank you; thanks.