

## WANGARATTA POLICE COURT.

Monday, Oct. 19th.

(Before Mr D. H. Evans and Dr  
McMullin, J.P.'s.)

**DRUNKENNESS.**—*John Cameron* was  
fined 5s for this offence.

**INDECENT EXPOSURE.**—*Jas. Reynolds*,  
for indecently exposing his person, was  
sentenced to seven days' imprisonment  
in Beechworth Gaol, with hard labor.

**LUNACY.**—*James Geary* was brought  
up as a lunatic.—Dr McMullin deposed  
that he examined the man on several  
occasions. He was a monomaniac, and  
not fit to be at large. He recommended  
that he be sent to the Lunatic Asylum.  
—Constable Cummins deposed that  
Geary had been given into his custody  
by the Rev. Father Galen. Geary told  
the witness that he had met the Bishop  
at Beechworth, and that he had ordered  
a clerical suit at Woodhead's.—George  
D. Galen, Roman Catholic clergyman,  
deposed that on Thursday last James  
Geary came into his premises and  
knocked at the door of a room, upon  
which he came out, and Geary showed  
him his discharge from the Lunatic  
Asylum. Asked him what he proposed  
doing, and he said he purposed following  
his proper occupation, and that he ex-  
pected witness to give up his clothes ;  
that he had met the Bishop at the  
Oriental Hotel in Beechworth, where,  
being dry, he had gone in for a pint of  
beer ; that he saw his Lordship in the  
back room, and asked him to have a  
drink. Geary spoke a good deal in the  
same style, and witness considered him  
to be insane. He came again next day,

to be insane. He came again next day, but witness had told his servant that he would not see him. Geary then walked into the kitchen, and took up a knife and began to pick his nails. The servant was alarmed, and ran for witness. Another clergyman stopping with witness went out and told Geary that he could not see him, and he then walked away. On the following day he walked into the hall and into witness's room, while he was engaged with some persons. Pressed him to leave the room, and he did so, but went into the opposite room, where he sat down, and said he should stop there, as the Bishop had told him to do so. After a great deal of persuasion, he got him to leave the house, but after taking a walk in the garden he re-entered, and refused to leave, so that witness found it necessary to send for the police and give him in charge. The Bishop is not in Victoria.—Remanded to Beechworth Gaol for eight days, for further examination of witnesses at the Police Office, Beechworth, on the 26th of October.

**ASSAULT.**—*John Moore* was charged with doing grievously bodily harm to *Thomas Romaine*. Mr Thompson appeared for the defendant. — *Thomas Romaine*, who was examined in the lock-up, on oath, said he was a tailor, living at Wangaratta. On the previous day he went into Moore's shop in the forenoon and told him he would pay him what he owed him in a day or two. Defendant then struck him with his fist on the side of the neck. Fell down, and defendant kicked him while he lay, two or three times. He then took witness by the

times. He then took witness by the collar and dragged him out. Witness' leg was broken before he was dragged out. Could not say whether defendant struck him while he was outside. Tried to walk, but could not, his leg being broken.—By Mr Thompson: I was not drunk. I had two drinks before I got shaved and had my hair cut. I owed him 3s. I did not go in a bouncible way to him. I might have been chastised by other people when drunk. There is a calico partition between Greathead's shop and where he was kicked. Merely went in to tell Moore he had no money, and could not pay him. Used no insulting words or manner. Defendant did not push witness with his foot and say get out of that. He kicked him.—Patrick McMorron, groom at the mail coach stables, deposed: That he had seen Romaine go into Moore's shop. Heard a noise, and went to see what it was. Saw Romaine lying on the ground with his feet on the threshold. Moore pushed Romaine out and used his feet to him, and kicked him, but could not see where. He dragged Romaine out by the feet to the gutter and left him there.—By Mr Thompson: Could not say whether Romaine was drunk or sober. Heard no words pass between them. Did not see what occurred inside. To the best of my belief defendant kicked Romaine on the thigh, above the knee, but not above his waist.—Edward Greathead, a shoemaker, living in Murphy-street, said Moore lived with him. Saw Romaine in their place yesterday about eight o'clock. Heard a noise, and



about eight o'clock. Heard a noise, and saw Romaine in the act of falling; he had his arm up; he fell on his side. Moore told him to get up and go out. Romaine said don't hurt me. Moore said get out of this, and put his foot to him and shoved him, and then when he would not get up he pulled him out. The kicks or shoves Moore gave Romaine were on the shoulder and under the side, and were not enough to hurt him. Moore pulled Romaine out by the legs and left him there. Witness did not go out.—By Mr Thompson: I heard nothing of what passed before I went in.—Dr McMullin deposed: That he was called to see Romaine at the lock-up on the previous day, and found he had a bad fracture of the right leg. A kick, or fall, or twisting suddenly round might produce it. It was such a fracture as witness would expect from a twist, as the bone is broken in several places. Witness thought it would require several kicks in the same place to produce such a fracture.—Committed to take his trial at the next General Sessions in Beechworth. Bail allowed, himself in £20 and one surety to the same amount.

**Ward v Jarvis.** This was a case of pulling down a house. Mr Thompson applied for an adjournment, which was granted.

**Quinn v Price,** claim for £19 4s, goods. Mr Norton for plaintiff, and Mr Lamont for defendant. The parties did not appear, and the case was struck out.

**Pigs Wandering at Large.**—The police summoned Mr Carr for having pigs wandering in the town. Mr Thompson, for the defendant, said this case had