

MAYOR'S COURT.

MONDAY, 3rd APRIL.

(Before His Worship the Mayor and W.
Mason, Esq.)

DRUNKENNESS. — Thomas Kendal, who had spent the previous 24 hours in the lock-up, was discharged with a caution. Luke Egan was fined 5s., with the option of 24 hours' imprisonment. Marion Roberts, on bail, not appearing, forfeited it.

STEALING FROM A BAR.—John Smith was charged with stealing L1 19s in silver, the property of William Puddy, from the bar of the Plough Inn, Caversham. It appeared that the prisoner had stayed at that hotel during the past few days. About noon on Saturday, whilst he was alone in the bar, a breaking of glass was heard, and Mrs Puddy and a man employed at the hotel went in immediately, and found him leaning against the bar, bottles of spirits on the shelves broken, and the decanters on the counters thrown down. Not suspecting at the time that he had stolen any money, she threatened to give him in charge to the police for the damage he had done, whereupon he decamped. Soon after he had left, she went to the glass in which money was kept, and found that money had been taken out of it, but how much she was unable to tell, until her husband, who knew the amount of money that was in the glass, came home, when it was found to be 39s. Prisoner, who had no money with him, was the only

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who had no money with him, was the only man about the bar. When subsequently arrested at the Ship Inn on that afternoon by constable Anderson, he said that he had come in from the Taieri, where he had been at work during the past month. The constable, to show the untruth of this statement, deposed that he had lately been twice fined for drunkenness. At the station 17s were found upon him besides a half-crown which was hid in the neckband of his shirt. On Thursday evening he attempted to rob the till at the bar of the Parkside Hotel, Caversham, but was detected by the servant. The Bench considered that the evidence was as strong as circumstantial evidence could be. He was sentenced to a month's imprisonment with hard labour. Sergeant Thompson, who conducted the case, withdrew, with the consent of the Bench, a charge against the prisoner of having no lawful visible means of support.

THE BYE-LAWS.—There was a charge against Jane Small of allowing a goat to wander. The Bench said that while recognising the nuisance which these animals are when allowed to stray, they would, under the circumstances, dismiss the case. Charges against John Bowers, of neglecting to clean his premises, and against Thomas C. Robertson, for hawking without a license, were dismissed. Francis Grennier was, for committing a nuisance in the Octagon market, fined 5s and costs.