

THE PROSECUTION OF OSCAR WILDE.

Oscar F. O'Flaherty Wilde, 40, described as an author, surrendered to his bail at the Old Bailey, on Thursday, under the 11th Section of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1885. Alfred Taylor, 35, of no occupation, had been found guilty on a similar charge, and sentence was postponed.

Solicitor-general was entitled to make the comments he was making. An observation from the Solicitor-general, bearing on the interruption of Sir Edward Clarke, evoked laughter in court. The Judge said that this sort of thing was more offensive to him, and if repeated, he would have the court cleared.

The Solicitor-general criticised the answers given by Mr. Wilde to the charges, which explanations, he submitted, were not worthy of belief. The jury could not fail to put the interpretation on the conduct of the accused that he was a guilty man, and they ought to say so by their verdict.

COMMITTAL OF JABEZ BALFOUR.

Jabez Spencer Balfour was again placed in the dock at the Bow-street police-court, on Thursday, and as it was anticipated that the proceedings would be purely formal there were few people in court when the case was called on before Sir John Bridge.

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MURDER OF AN ALDERMAN AT STOCKPORT.

A murder followed by the suicide of the murderer was perpetrated at Stockport on Thursday. A man about 35 years of age had been observed standing smoking a cigar outside the yard. Alderman Marshall arrived about nine o'clock, and 20 minutes later an employe named Moran saw his master and the stranger struggling together.

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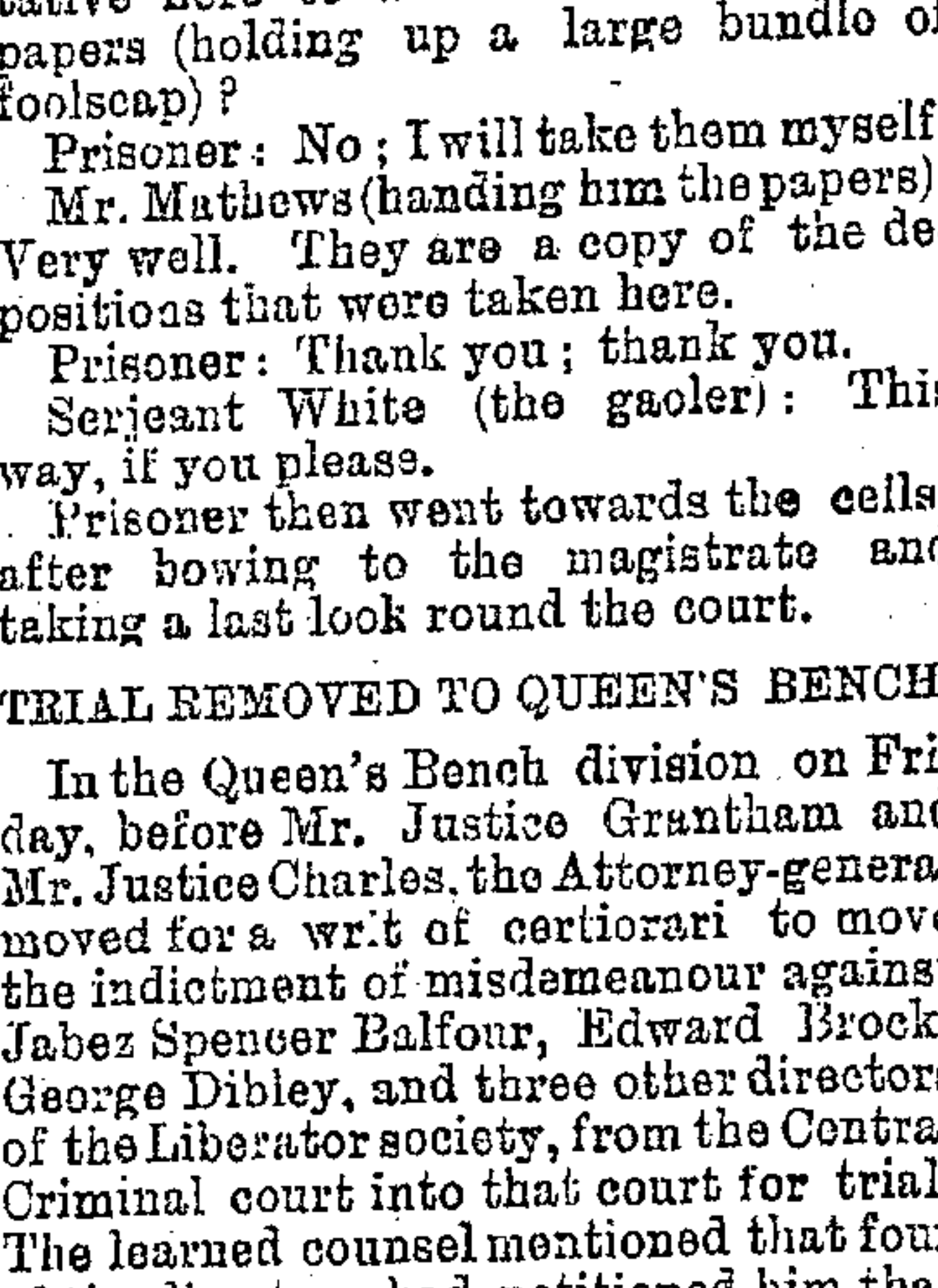
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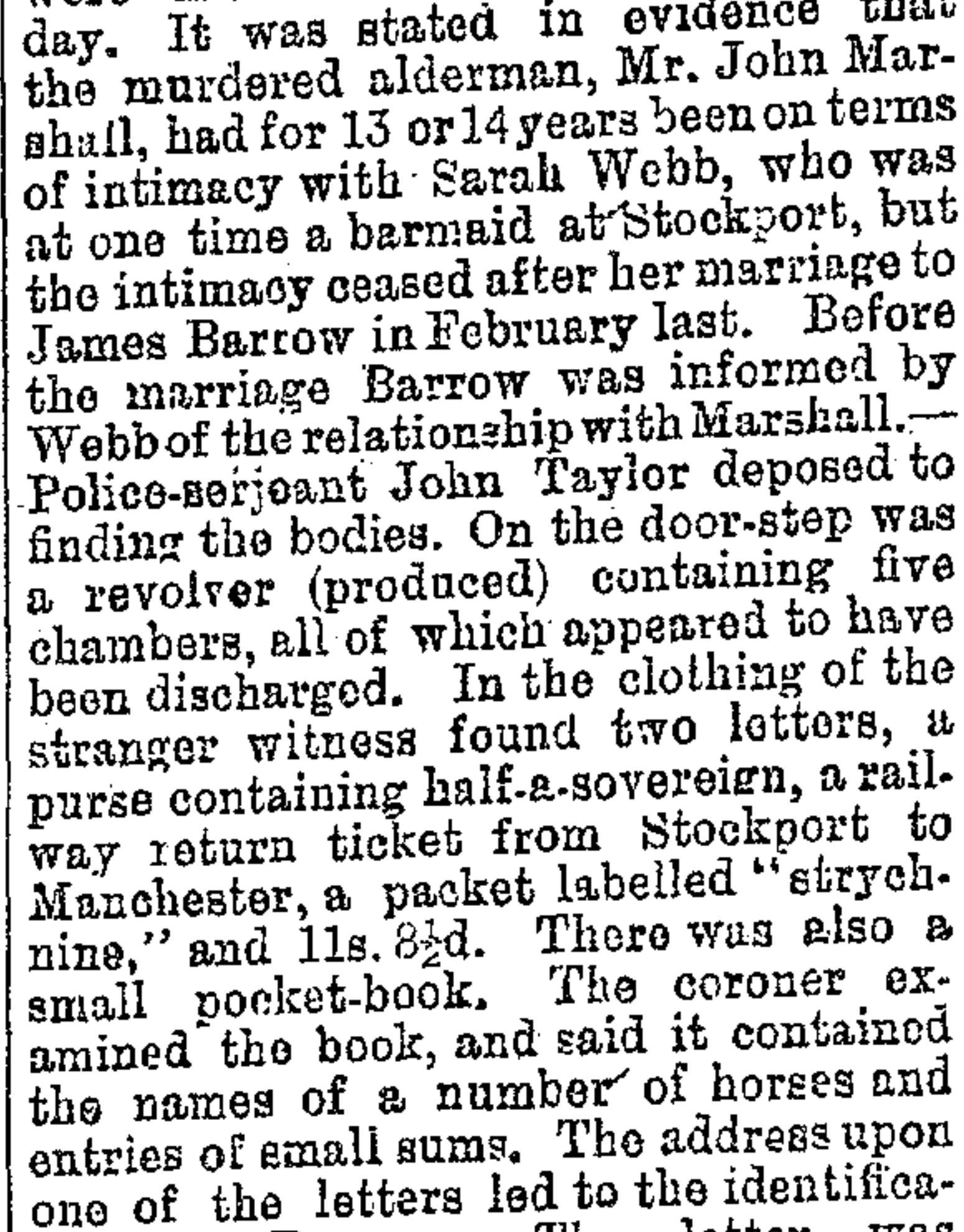
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