

George Edwards

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CLERKENWELL SESSION

Before Mr. B. WALLACE. K.C.

INTERNATIONAL PICKPOCKETS.

George Edwards, 61, dealer, and Mary Edwards, 50, servant, pleaded guilty to having stolen a purse and its contents from Kate Ellen Terry.

According Mr. Lawless, counsel for the prosecution, said that on Dec. 15 the prosecutrix was trying to get on a motor-bus at Marble Arch. The male prisoner pretended to assist her, while the woman cleverly opened her bag, stole her purse, and emptied it immediately. A detective, however, had seen what had happened, and arrested them.

A police-officer proved that since 1878 the man had been convicted at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Dublin, New York, and besides several terms of imprisonment had served ten years' penal servitude. The officer added that sometime ago a Manchester traveller was robbed of jewellery, worth £2,000, and the man was wanted in connection with that affair. The traveller, overwhelmed with his loss, shot himself the same night. The woman had been convicted, and sent to various terms up to eighteen months at Douglas (Isle of Man), New York, Wakefield, Leeds, Manchester, Liverpool, Preston, and London.

The man was ordered three years' penal servitude, and the woman eighteen months' hard labour.

Isle of Wight County Press - 26 March 1910

Parkhurst

CONVICT'S DEATH. - The Deputy Coroner (Frances A. Joyce Esq.) held an inquest at H.M. Convict Prison on Tuesday on the body of George Edwards, a convict, aged 62, who died on the previous Sunday. Mr. S. Jackman was foreman of the jury. The evidence of Chief Warder Mitchell and Hospital Principal Warder Webb showed that the deceased, who was convicted at the North London Sessions in January last year, and sentenced to 3 years penal servitude, was received from Chelmsford on the 11th November last and had ever since been in hospital suffering from phthisis. Dr. O.F.N. Treadwell, chief medical officer, said the deceased was transferred from Chelmsford as an invalid, his lungs having been diseased at the time of his convictions. He had had a generous diet in hospital, being given practically everything he fancied, and had been seen daily by one of the medical staff. He was reported seriously ill to his relatives on January 7th and he died in the presence of his wife. A verdict that death was due from phthisis was returned.

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