

Francis Taylor

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A PATIENT FOR THE ASYLUM.

Yesterday (Friday) morning a labourer named Francis Taylor, aged 43, was brought before the Mayor (Ald. R. Bird Cheverton, J.P.) charged with sleeping in a shed at Heytesbury Farm, near Newport, early that morning. Prisoner's strange manner when walking about Newport streets has attracted considerable attention, and it was stated that he had used threats of violence on several occasions. Dr. Thompson was called in to examine the prisoner, who was ultimately certified as a patient for the county Asylum. Prisoner, who made a rambling statement before the Mayor, said he had been in the habit of sleeping out for 14 or 15 years, and that he had had a sun stroke when serving in the Army in India.

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