

PARTRIDGE OR RABBIT.

John Thomas Bass, labourer, Woodhurst, was summoned for killing a partridge without a game licence, at Woodhurst, on September 24th.—Defendant did not appear.

P.c. Lumbers said he saw a partridge among some rabbits in the auction market, and as the result of his enquiries he saw Bass at his home and asked if he had a game licence and he said "No". In a statement defendant said he picked the bird up on the road. Two men had been shooting on Mr. Baxter's clover field that afternoon and he thought they had killed it. At a later interview defendant said this was not true; he shot the bird the previous Friday night at Oldhurst. It was dark at the time and he could not see whether it was a rabbit or a bird.

Insp. Hodson said that defendant was fined 5s. with 5s. 6d. costs at that court in May for killing a partridge out of season and that fine had not been paid.

A fine of £1 was imposed.