

Kalgoorlie Police Court.

FRIDA, MARCH 22.

(Before Messrs. H. W. Taylor, and F. A. Chapple, J's.P.).

Disorderly.

John Searle made his appearance on a charge of disorderly conduct, assaulting Constable Marks, and damaging the latter's uniform. Defendant pleaded guilty, but asked not to be sent to gaol. It was his first offence, he said, and had been occasioned by too much indulgence in liquor. A fine of £2 was inflicted, accused being ordered to pay in addition, the cost of damage to the constable's uniform.

Indecency.

Guilo Davini, an Italian, was charged with disorderly conduct by committing indecency with a female child of 11 years of age, at the Kalgoorlie racecourse on the 16th inst. Mr. W. H. Jones appeared for accused, who pleaded not guilty.

The little girl in question, said that, with her younger sister, she visited the Kalgoorlie racecourse on Saturday last. She separated from her sister, and went with a little boy. Accused came up to her and said, "If you come with me, I will give you 2s." She walked a little way with him, and they sat on a log, where the indecency occurred.

Arthur Alpine, a cabdriver, said that he witnessed the indecency. Constable Porter also gave evidence. Defendant said he had no defence to offer. He repeated that he was not guilty. The Bench said they would give the defendant the fullest penalty that the law allowed for disorderly conduct. That was a fine of £10, in default six months' imprisonment. They thought that more stringent laws should be made for the protection of young children.

A second charge of indecently assaulting a little child, five years of age, was then laid against Davini. He again pleaded not guilty. The child was brought into court and related the details of the assault, which she said had happened in the Commonwealth Park. The mother of the child, and another woman also gave evidence. The accused was committed for trial.