

AN inquest was held at Arowhenua, on the 7th instant, before B. Woolcombe, Esq., Coroner, on the body of William McIntyre, aged 20, who was drowned whilst bathing in company with his brother and two others in a hole in the Opihi river, on the 6th inst. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally drowned."

AN inquest was held at Waimate, on the 4th inst., before B. Woolcombe, Esq., Coroner, upon the body of George Bowstead, aged 47, who shot himself at Low Quarry, on the 2nd inst. The jury, after hearing the evidence returned a verdict of "Suicide while in a sane mind."

AN inquest was held at Rangiora, on the 6th inst., before Charles Dudley, Esq., Coroner, upon the origin of a fire which took place at John Scott's, on the 29th January, 1874, destroying his premises and those of Richard Truman next door. Verdict:—"No evidence before the jury to show how the fire originated."

REVERTING to *Canterbury Police Gazette* No. 23, 1873, page 120, missing friend Thomas Willis Cooper, has been found.

REVERTING to Criminal Offences, dated Dunsandel, 4th inst., the dog therein described, the property of William Boag, has been recovered.

REVERTING to Criminal Offences, dated Christchurch, 7th February, 1874, offender John Blair has been apprehended in Dunedin.

REVERTING to *Police Gazette* No. 9, 1873, page 41, offender Thomas Joyce therein described has been arrested by the Timaru Police.

CHARLES CATES is charged on warrant, filed in Commissioner's office, with obtaining money by false pretences. Description:—About 30 years of age, 5ft. 10in., slender build, fair hair and moustache, no beard or whiskers, dressed in blue morning coat, grey tweed trousers and vest, brown wideawake hat, sometimes wears a cheese-cutter cap. This offender is said to have gone to Newcastle, N.S.W., per barque *Malay*, on the 4th February, 1874.

RETURN OF APPOINTMENTS, &c., SINCE LAST GAZETTE.

APPOINTMENTS.

February 10, 1874.—Richard Haldane, to be Third-class Constable.

Strict search should be made for the whereabouts of Lars Olsen, an important witness in *Regina v. Jansen*, perjury. Description: native of Denmark, 26 years, 5ft 9 or 10 in., slender build, fresh complexion, light whiskers, beard, and moustache, black billy-cock hat, blue coat, moleskin trousers. Information to be sent to the Commissioner of Police, Christchurch.

Missing Friends.

WANTED intelligence of the whereabouts of George Keeton Cumrie, who left London for Canterbury, New Zealand, about two years ago. Property has been left to him and his sister, who cannot obtain her portion until he is found. Information to be sent to the Commissioner of Police, Christchurch.

WANTED information as to the whereabouts of John and Fanny Gerry, who arrived in the Colony per *Lady Jocelyn*, on the 11th November, 1872, native of St. Agnes, Cornwall, England. The man is a labourer, aged 38 years, and about 5ft. 2in.; his wife is aged 24 years, and they have a boy about 2 years old. Information to be sent to the Commissioner of Police Christchurch.

REVERTING to *Police Gazette*, No. 15, 1873, page 78, William George Crofts, therein mentioned, is described as being about 18 years of age when he left Liverpool in 1855, about 5ft. 10in., dark complexion, very good teeth, good-looking, smart active appearance, of no profession, but exhibited a great taste for engineering; he is said to have held contracts in the Colony, and is known to Mr. Albert Edward Lee, Post Office, Invercargill, son of the late Henry A. Lee, of Barna, County Tipperary; and also to Mounted-Constable William Couch, of Echuca, Victoria. Mr. Crofts would, if living, be now about 37 years of age. Information to be sent to the Commissioner of Police, Christchurch.