

Stolen.

STOLEN, from Swannanoa, about the 3rd instant, a silk necktie, a linen collar, Shakspeare shape, and an oval-shaped gold pin, set with a piece of gold quartz, the property of S. B. Percy. Thomas King, who left the station three days before the articles were missed, is suspected; he is known to Mr. Morton, Sumner, and Mr. Parker, servants' registry office.

STOLEN, from the dwelling of Thomas William Jones, end of Springfield Road, St. Albans, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the 12th instant, seventeen shillings in silver. It would appear to be the work of a boy, as some gold rings and other jewellery in the room was untouched.

FIVE Stacks of wheat, value £200, the property of Thomas Connolly, Waihi Crossing, were burned during the night of the 4th instant. The origin of the fire is unknown, and Mr. Connolly does not suspect any one.

MARY CAMPBELL, a servant at the Hon. E. Richardson's, Wellington, reported that she left Wellington for Lyttelton per s.s. *Phæbe*, at 5 p.m. on the 4th inst., having, amongst other articles with her in the ladies' cabin, a brown leather purse, about 2½ x 3 inches, fastening with a brass snap spring, and containing eight sovereigns, together with a small gold foreign coin, and a slip of paper with the address "John Shaw, at Hon. E. Richardson, Wellington." Coin identifiable by John Shaw. Upon entering the ladies' cabin, the stewardess asked to see Miss Campbell's ticket, which she at once produced out of her purse. After replacing the ticket in her purse, she put the purse into a leather travelling bag upon the table; in about a quarter of an hour she went to the bag and found the purse gone, but the passage ticket was left in a small pocket on the outside of the bag. Miss Campbell suspects the stewardess of having taken her purse.

A MAN, described as being about 30 years of age, 5ft 7 or 8in, rather thin build, dark complexion, dark hair and whiskers, believed to have the front part of his chin shaved, wearing a black round hat turned up at the sides, black cloth coat and coloured trousers, is charged with indecently assaulting Lizzie Moore, a girl ten years of age, at the Cricket Ground, about 4 p.m. on the 3rd inst.

PATRICK O'LOUGHAN is charged on warrant, filed in Commissioner's office, with obtaining a whip, value 10s., from Mr. Edward Henry Brewer, of Temuka, by false pretences. Description—Irish, about 40 years, 5ft. 10 or 11in., stout build, dark hair, beard, whiskers and moustache, red Roman nose, red face, pock-marked, dressed in a brown knitted jacket, moleskin trousers, black billycock hat; a ploughman and roadman. Supposed to have gone to Ashburton.

Inquests.

An inquest was held at Christchurch, on the 16th March, 1874, before G. W. Hall, Esq., J.P., on the body of Ellen Finlay, aged 45 years, an inmate of the Lunatic Asylum. Dr. Coward made a *post mortem* examination, and stated apoplexy to have been the cause of death. Verdict accordingly.

An inquest was held at Akaroa, on the 20th March, 1874, before Justin Aylmer, Esq., R.M., Coroner, on the body of Hippolyte Gendrot, aged 66 years. Verdict—"Died from heart disease."

An inquest was held at Kaiapoi, on the 25th March, 1874, before Charles Dudley, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Jane Kerr, an infant, aged ten weeks. Verdict—"Died from natural causes."

An inquest was held at Christchurch, on the 29th March, 1874, before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., Coroner, upon the body of Mary Ann Coleman, aged 29 years, who died after her confinement. After hearing the evidence of Dr. Frankish, who attended deceased, the jury returned a verdict of—"Died from natural causes."

An inquest was held at Kaiapoi, on the 31st March, 1874, before Charles Dudley, Esq., Coroner, upon the body of William John Rice, an infant, aged 4 months. Verdict—"Died from concussion of the brain, but no evidence to show the cause of the same."

An inquest was held at Lyttelton, on the 3rd April, 1874, before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., Coroner, upon the body of John Wills, aged 8 years, who was drowned when fishing off the rocks at Ripa Island. Verdict—"Accidental death."

An inquest was held at Christchurch, on the 7th April, 1874, before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., Coroner, upon the body of Charles Standing, aged 21 years, whose body was found in the river Heathcote on the morning of the 5th instant. Verdict—"Found drowned."

An inquest was held at Rangiora, on the 8th April, 1874, before Charles Dudley, Esq., Coroner, upon the body of Henry Nagel, aged 39, who died suddenly in his house on the 6th inst. Medical evidence showed that deceased died from rupture of the aorta. Verdict accordingly.

An inquest was held at Christchurch, on the 10th April, 1874, before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., Coroner, upon the body of Alice Gardiner, aged 2 years and 7 months, who was accidentally drowned in the river Halswell on the preceding day. Verdict—"Accidental drowning."