

of March last, sixty or seventy yards of fencing wire, not identifiable, the property of Thomas Phillips, Point Station. William Lee, of Hororata Valley is suspected.

STOLEN from Waltham between 4.30 p.m. 3rd, and 7.30 a.m. 4th instants, a pair of cart blinkers with double brass buckles, bearing rein broken and tied with a piece of string; the bit and chain to the rein made of galvanized iron, the property of Robert Thomson, of Waltham. Identifiable.

STOLEN between Dunsandel and Rakaia, sometime during the last seven months, thirteen rails from around the Government ballast pits, the property of the Provincial Government. Not identifiable.

STOLEN from the Somerset Hotel, Ashburton, between 2 and 4 p.m. on the 5th inst. a pair of stirrup leathers nearly new. Two or three holes cut in them for the purpose of shortening when required, also a pair of stirrup irons, identifiable, the property of Frederick Bossenburg, who suspects a jockey named Thomas Parkinson, supposed colonial native, about 17 years, 5ft 4 or 5in., freckled complexion, thin features, who went per coach to Timaru on the 5th instant.

LOST or Stolen between 11.30 p.m. on the 4th and 5 a.m. on the 5th instant, in Christchurch, a silver $\frac{3}{4}$ plate Geneva watch, No. 6006, with gold hands; and between £3 and £4 in notes and silver, the property of George Stevens, who was drinking heavily. Watch only identifiable.

STOLEN from the Mount Somers Road, Ashburton, between 6 and 8 a.m. on the 25th ult., a set of leading harness, nearly new, very heavy chain traces; one of the hooks having been broken and mended is much smaller than the other. A piece of a shovel handle was used as a spreader; value £2; the property of Thomas Greenaway, Bullock town, Ashburton. Identifiable.

STOLEN from the Ophanage, Lyttelton, during the night of the 3rd inst., £3 1s., cash, four red blankets, one box inlaid New Zealand wood, containing a flute, one quart bottle mounted in silver, with handsome silver mounted cork stopper, containing whiskey, the property of Mr. Giraud, master of the Orpanage. Box, bottle, and flute identifiable.

STOLEN from Gardiner's stables, Timaru, about 2.30 p.m. on the 6th inst., a black cloth Inverness cloak, not much worn, with long cape, value 15s. the property of William Warne, of Pleasant Point.

GEORGE BARRIE *alias* Selwyn, *vide* Police Gazette 1874, No. 24, page 179, is charged on warrant filed in Commissioner's office, with disobeying an order of the Resident Magistrate's Court, Christchurch, to support his family.

REVERTING to Police Gazette No. 7, 1875,

page 52, missing friend George Hibson Richardson therein described has been discovered.

REVERTING to Criminal Offences, dated Detective Office, 26th ultimo, the knives reported as stolen, have been returned to Mr. Walters, having been taken by a customer in mistake with some other parcels of grocery.

Miscellaneous.

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

William Patrick Lorigan, Henry William Smith, and Edward Malcolm, to be Third-class Constables.

RESIGNATION.

First-class Constable Robert Yorke Weedon, and Third-class Constable Andrew McFedries.

DISMISSALS.

Third-class Constable L. F. H. Short, and First-class Constable Henry John Barclay.

PROMOTION.

Constable John Coleman, to be Drill Instructor with the rank of Third-class Sergeant, *vice* Mitchell resigned.

Inquests.

On the 10th of April, 1875, an inquest was held by M. Studholme, Esq., at Deep Creek (Timaru District), on the body of Thomas Brien, aged 38 years, a carter. Deceased in company with his brother, was driving a team along the North Road (both being under the influence of liquor), when about four miles from Waimate the dray of deceased capsized and fell upon him; his brother endeavoured to free him, but could not do so till life was extinct. The jury returned a verdict of—"Accidental death," and expressed an opinion that his brother (George Brien), was to blame in not reporting the matter sooner, and in neglecting to get a medical man on the spot; they also suggested to the police the desirability of taking in charge persons in charge of teams who appear to be intoxicated.

An inquest was held at the Hospital, Christchurch, on April 16, 1875, before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., Coroner, upon the body of a female child, the daughter of Allan and Janet McKinley, aged 14 days. The mother of deceased had been in a state of drunkenness for some days, in consequence of which the child was neglected. The *post mortem* examination shewed that the child died from dirt and want of nourishment. The jury returned a verdict of—"Manslaughter" against Janet McKinley. The father of the child was in gaol at the time of its death.

An inquest was held at St. Asaph street, Christchurch, on the 18th of April, 1875, before J. W. S. Coward, Esq., Coroner, upon the body of a male infant, aged 8 days, of which Aubrey William and Clara Martin were the parents. Deceased had been circumcised on the day of his death which was caused by shock to the system and loss of