

a bay horse, branded MH on near shoulder, a few white hairs on the coronet of hind hoofs, the property of John Bergman, David street, Chester street. Identifiable.

LOST or Stolen, at Leeston, between the 16th and 17th ultimo, a silver lever hunting watch, No. 43236, small crack on dial at figure VI.; a silver guard, twisted pattern, seal, with black stone attached; the property of George Poole. Identifiable.

STOLEN, at Ashburton, during the night of 11th ultimo, one side of double shaft waggon rein, buckle on one side, and billet or swivel on the other; value 10s.; identifiable. The property of Mr. John Grigg, Longbeach.

STOLEN, from the Somerset Hotel, Ashburton, during the night of the 11th ultimo, a pair of fowls, value 7s., not identifiable, the property of J. W. Oram.

STOLEN, at Kaiapoi, on the 22nd or 23rd ultimo, a leather coloured waterproof coat, full length, last button torn off, and piece of white calico sewn on inside, value 50s., the property of James Hurse. Identifiable.

LOST or Stolen, between the Junction Hotel, Lincoln Road, and Christchurch, on the afternoon of 22nd ultimo, a dark coloured leather pocket-book, containing several letters and receipts, some Good Templar cards, and a small book of Good Templar rules, the property of William Dunbar. Identifiable.

THOMAS SIMPSON, *alias* William Rose, native of Richmond, United States, America, 24 years, but looks younger, about 5ft. 5in., stout build, dark brown hair, cheeks and upper lip usually shaved, light brown goat beard, round full face, fresh complexion, slightly freckled, tattooed on left arm two anchors, a sailor and labourer, is charged on warrant filed in Commissioner's office, with deserting his wife, Carolina Simpson, at Rangiora, on the 18th April, 1875.

WILLIAM BEBBINGTON, station overseer, English, about 40 years, 5ft. 6in., medium build, about 10 stone 7lbs, dark complexion, dark hair, beard, and moustache, chin shaved, bow legged, smart gait, general appearance that of a jockey, is charged on warrant, filed in Commissioner's office, with deserting his wife, Harriet Jane Bebbington, and six children, at Pleasant Point, on the 24th May last.

REVERTING to *Police Gazette*, No. 2, 1875, page 9, the watch and chain therein described, has been found concealed under the floor of the water closet, at the White Hart Hotel, and restored to the owner, Mr. Gilmore.

REVERTING to *Police Gazette*, No. 22, 1874, page 159, police horse, 30, "Traducer," has been discovered in Rangiora Pound.

REVERTING to Criminal Offences, dated Ashburton, 23rd June, 1875, John Bell's pocket-book, therein described, has been picked up in Ashburton, by a man named Martin, at the back of Smith's stables.

REVERTING to Criminal Offences, dated Rangiora, 22nd June, 1875, Harry Tipple's pocket-book and contents were found at the rear of the Club Hotel, on the 25th ultimo, by a man named Pope.

REVERTING to *Police Gazette*, No. 12, page 93, Mr. Frank Merton's dog, "Tip," therein referred to, has been recovered.

Missing Friends.

ANXIOUS inquiry is made for the whereabouts of Joseph McGuinness, a musician, who came to Auckland from Sydney in 1874 with the Californian Minstrels, under the leadership of Mr. Rockefeller. He came down to Christchurch, which he left about four months ago. Description:—Irish, 30 years of age, 5ft. 8in., slight build, dark complexion, dark hair, beard and whiskers rather thin, rather prominent nose, about ten stone weight, inclined to be knock-kneed; dressed when last seen in a dark shooting coat, dark vest, light trousers, and billycock hat; has a wife and child at Ashfield, Sydney, New South Wales. It is reported that he may be engaged by a publican, named McSweeney, who keeps a dancing saloon at Westport, in the Nelson Province. Information to be sent to the Commissioner of Police, Christchurch.

WANTED, the present whereabouts of Mrs. Ellen Jones, formerly Miss Ellen Ling, whose mother, Sarah Ling, late of London, now resides at 129, Butler street, Brooklyn, New York, United States, America. Information to be sent to Commissioner of Police, Christchurch.

Miscellaneous.

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

PROMOTIONS.

Inspector, Second-class, Alfred Buckley, to be Inspector, First-class.

Chief-Detective Feast to have the rank of Inspector, Third-class.

First-class Constable Norval Frederick Marley to have the rank of First-class Sergeant.

Third-class Sergeant Alexander McDonald to be Second-class Sergeant.

Constables John Gatward and Stephen Strong to be Acting-Sergeants.

APPOINTMENTS.

William McIntosh, William Wilson Smart, George Dixon, to be Third-class Constables.

RESIGNED.

Constable, Third-class, Alexander Troupe Barron.

DISCHARGED.

Constable on probation, Augustus Woore.