

**THOMAS WILLIAMS**, *alias* White, is charged on warrant, filed in Commissioner's office, with forgery and uttering. Description:—English, 46 years, 5ft. 2in. or 3in., medium build, fair complexion, blue eyes, thin hollow cheeks, small moustache and beard, inclined to grey; bald on top of head, sharp nose, one or two front teeth loose or out, very quick speaking and excitable, a gardener, fond of talking about flowers. Dress when last seen:—Tweed suit, drab tyrolese hat, sometimes wears black coat and hat, very dresy and natty.

— **GERARD**, *alias* German Jerry, is charged on warrant with stealing from the dwelling of Frederick Brandt, old landing, Inangahua, near Reefton, on the 1st November, 1872, one £20 note, Bank New South Wales; two £10 notes, Union Bank of Australia, one of which is identifiable; four £5 notes, three of which were Bank of New Zealand; twenty-eight £1 notes, 23 ozs. 17 dwts. of scaly gold, one Crimean shirt (identifiable), with red and yellow stripes, one pair flannel drawers, one neck scarf. Description:—German, sailor, about 24 years, 5ft. 10in., stout build; dark complexion, small black moustache, no whiskers, high cheek bones, projecting lips.

The following persons are charged on warrant filed in the Office of Inspector of Armed Constabulary, Auckland, with conspiracy to defraud various of her Majesty's subjects who purchased shares in the Green Harp Gold Mining Company, during the months of May, June, and July, 1872.

**HOWE**, **THOMAS**.—5ft. 6in., about 37 years of age, slight build, black curly hair, slight whiskers, beard, and moustache, thin features, Roman nose, smart appearance; an Irishman, fond of horse racing.

**O'RIEILY**, **EUGENE**.—6ft., 38 years, medium build, brown hair inclined to curl, small moustache and goatee, cheeks shaved, Yankee appearance, high cheek bones, square built, and walks erect, sallow complexion; an Irish American.

**WALSH**, **WILLIAM**.—5ft. 11 in., 30 years, medium build, fair hair, long sandy beard and moustache, fresh complexion; an Irishman, has a peculiarity of always keeping his mouth open.

**CUMMINS**, **JAMES**.—5ft. 6in., 31 years, stout build, brown hair, light moustache and goatee, cheeks shaved, high cheek bones, coarse Yankee appearance; speaks with a strong Irish accent.

**SHEEHAN**, **THOMAS**.—5ft. 6in., 30 years, thick-set build, dark brown hair, beard and moustache, short round features, sallow complexion, dirty, sulky appearance; speaks with a strong Irish accent.

A CASE of supposed incendiarism on the premises in the occupation of Mr. John Fisher, Papanui Road, at 9.15 p.m. on the 22nd November, 1872, has been reported. Mrs. Fisher's daughter, going out of doors at the hour mentioned observed a fire starting against the door of a stable used as a workshop, in close proximity to the dwelling-house; she at once gave the alarm, and her mother and a visitor, named William Hill, put out the fire. A piece of candle and some rags and straw had been placed against the stable door; the rags corresponded with an old shirt and trowsers found in the garden of a neighbour named Hamilton, who was not on good terms with Fisher.

AN inquest was held on the body of George Blackhall, late cook at the Pareora Station, Timaru District, before B Woollcombe, Esq., Coroner, on the 27th November, 1872. The body was found in a creek near Mount Horrible, on 21st November, by a party in search of missing friend, Murdoch McLean, who was found drowned in the Washdyke Creek, with a piece of pig-iron weighing 72 lbs. tied to his neck with a piece of green flax; in which case the jury returned an open verdict. In Blackhall's case the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown. The deceased was last seen alive on the 24th October, 1872, when he was at Pavey's house, Washdyke, and had on his person an open faced silver lever watch, with a new pattern flat glass, and steel Albert chain; also a pocket-book containing views of Melbourne, &c., neither of which articles were on the body when found.

### Miscellaneous Information.

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

#### APPOINTMENTS.

- Nov. 14, 1872.—Woodman Austin, to be Third-class Constable.  
 Nov. 23, 1872.—Anthony Dorn, to be Third-class Constable.  
 Nov. 29, 1872.—Francis Gaffney, Robert Little, to be Third-class Constables.

#### PROMOTIONS.

- Detective Harry Feast, to have the rank of First-class Sergeant.  
 Second-class Sergeants John Pratt and John Mullin to be First-class Sergeants.  
 Third-class Sergeant William O'Connor, and Acting Sergeant Alexander Wilson to be Second-class Sergeants.  
 First-class Mounted Constable John Eric Davidson to be Third-class Sergeant.  
 First-class Constables William Eares and James Burtenshaw to be Acting Sergeants.  
 Second-class Constables Edward Hughes and John Wildermoth to be First-class Constables.