

STOLEN on the 18th ultimo, from the clothesline of John Westrop, Haven Road, Nelson, two white shirts, three brown regatta shirts, and a pair of women's drawers; value 30s. Identifiable.

STOLEN about the 23rd ultimo, from the clothesline of James Blanch, Haven Road, Nelson, a pair of dark serge trousers, a flannel shirt, and a brown cotton shirt; value 20s. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 29th ultimo, from the stable of Thomas Stout, at Christchurch, an old dark Inverness cape, left pocket torn out, and a dirty white mackintosh coat, sleeves bound with black braid; value £2 5s. Identifiable.

STOLEN about the 31st ultimo, from the clothesline of James Keir, George Street, Dunedin, a large-sized white bed quilt, small white naps all over, "10" marked in one corner; value 6s. Identifiable.

STOLEN during the night of the 3rd instant, from the fowl-house of John Potter, Elizabeth Street, Timaru, nine common hens and a red cock; value 12s.

STOLEN between the 27th ultimo and 6th instant, from a trunk on board the ship "Ruthven," at Port Chalmers, a pair of brown cord trousers, marked "R. Corty, Brompton," a blue pea jacket, skirt lined with indiarubber, one outside pocket; a suit of blue tweed, single breasted coat, two hair brushes with light-coloured backs, some merino singlets and drawers, the property of Ernest R. Bruce, Tinder's boardinghouse, Christchurch. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to a man known as "Cross Jack," and an old man, blind of an eye, with grey beard and moustache; both are seamen on board the ship "Ruthven."

Horse and Cattle Stealing.

STOLEN about the 25th of June last, at Flaxton, Canterbury District, a white cow, branded Δ on off ribs, and a red-and-white cow, brands unknown, both fat; the property of Michael Malley; value £20. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 28th ultimo, at Chertsey, Canterbury District, a very dark-bay cob gelding, aged, stout build, about fourteen hands high, star on forehead, a little white on one of hind fetlocks, shod all round, unbranded, had on a saddle and bridle; the property of the Reverend H. B. Burnett. Identifiable. The horse, which is very quiet, was tied to a fence at Chertsey, from which he broke away, and as no trace can be found of him it is believed he has been stolen.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

WILLIAM HENRY COOPER MOORE is charged, on warrant issued by the Dunedin Bench, with having deserted his wife at Dunedin on the 31st ultimo. Description:—A native of London, a labourer and seaman, twenty-seven years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, slight build, light-brown hair, dark complexion, thin brown whiskers and moustache, blue eyes, scar over one eye; wore dark tweed suit, black felt hat, and elastic-side boots. He is accompanied by a woman known as "Alice," about thirty years of age, 5 feet 3 inches high, dark complexion and black hair, who had with her a girl about six years of age. It is believed he will endeavour to leave the colony with this woman.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1877, page 19.)

JOHN BROOKER, charged with wife desertion, was recently seen working on the railway line near Wanganui.

HENRY GEORGE JORDAN is charged, on warrant issued by the Temuka Bench, with having deserted his wife at Temuka on the 29th ultimo. Description:—English, has been a cab-driver in Christchurch, and has the appearance of a jockey, thirty-two years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, medium build, fair complexion, dark brown whiskers, beard and moustache. He left Temuka by train on the 1st instant, for Christchurch.

Missing Friends.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of Richard Quain, a native of Mallow, County Cork, Ireland, about forty years of age. He left Liverpool in 1852 by the ship "Mobile," for Melbourne, and subsequently served in the Victoria and

New South Wales Police. About eight years ago he left Melbourne for New Zealand, and joined the Armed Constabulary, from which service he was discharged on the 10th of December, 1869. Inquiry is made for him at the request of his mother.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of John Lockhart, a native of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, about fifty years of age (if living). He was last heard of about nine years ago at Fiery Creek, Victoria. His brother, Andrew Thompson Lockhart, was about eighteen years ago employed in the Union Bank of Australia, at Ballarat.

(See *Otago Police Gazette*, 1877, page 62.)

ALEXANDER GOULD has returned to his home.

(See *Otago Police Gazette*, 1877, page 74.)

PATRICK WALSH has returned to his home.

(See *New Zealand Gazette*, 1877, page 772.)

Colonial Secretary's Office,
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INQUIRIES have been made for a person named Otto Edward Thwaites, who sailed from London in the "Altcar," in May, 1875, for New Zealand. He is married, but had no family when he left England. He is about 5 feet 7 inches in height, brown straight hair, grey eyes, small hands and feet, and at times has a slight cast in one of his eyes, nose rather aquiline, and is about thirty-six years of age. Previously to leaving England he resided in Victoria Park, Hackney, and was engaged in the wine trade. He was last heard of in August, 1876, from Dunedin, Otago. Any one possessing information respecting the above-named person is requested to communicate the same to this office.

G. S. COOPER.

Miscellaneous Information.

RETURN OF DISMISSALS, REWARDS, ETC., IN THE POLICE FORCE.

Dismissed.

Constable Owen Naughton.

CONSTABLE WILLIAM STEPHENSON has been appointed Receiver of Gold Revenue and Clerk to the Resident Magistrate's Court at No Town, Nelson District. See *New Zealand Gazette*, 19th July, 1877, pages 741 and 742.

CONSTABLE MICHAEL QUIRK has been appointed Receiver of Gold Revenue at Dunganville; and Constable Adam Bissett at Kanieri, in the Westland District. See *New Zealand Gazette*, 19th July, 1877, page 742.

ON the evening of the 28th ultimo twelve small stones and a piece of iron were found by the Oamaru police on the rails of the railway line, near the bridge, at the lagoon, Oamaru, which were removed before the 7 p.m. train from Timaru had arrived. It is supposed the stones and iron were placed there by children who reside in the neighbourhood.

(See *Otago Police Gazette*, 1876, page 11.)

WILLIAM CLARKE EARLE, *alias* WILLIAM CLARK, charged with having obtained money by means of valueless cheques from William Jamieson, at Oamaru, has been arrested at Lyttelton, by Detective William Smith, Canterbury Police, and remanded to Oamaru.

(See *Otago Police Gazette*, 1877, page 74.)

THE clothes stolen from the clothesline of John Chapman, Filleul Street, Dunedin, have been recovered.

ON the 6th ultimo, at Papanui, Auckland District, a horse, the property of Frederick Manning, was maliciously wounded in the near hind-quarter, supposed with a spear, which caused the animal's death.

(See *Otago Police Gazette*, 1877, page 15.)

GEORGE JAMES BENTLEY, charged with having deserted his wife and family at Oamaru on the 27th of November last, has been arrested by Detective Farrell, at Wellington, and ordered to pay 15s. per week towards their maintenance.

ON the night of the 1st instant, two panes of glass, value 30s., were maliciously broken in the windows of the residence of Thomas Richard Fisher, at Stanmore Road, near Christchurch, supposed by larrikins, with a catapult.