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NOTICE.—For instructions as to the manner in which reports are required to be furnished for the compilation of the *Police Gazette*, see *Gazette* No. 1 of this year.

Incendiarism.

BETWEEN 10 and 12 p.m. on the 20th ultimo, two stacks of straw, at Whenuakura, Taranaki District, the property of W. and G. Newland, were destroyed by fire. Believed to be the act of an incendiary. The owners offer £10 reward on conviction of the offender or offenders.

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

RALPH BARTLE is charged, on warrant issued by the Christchurch Bench, with having, on the 11th ultimo, at Christchurch, embezzled £1 1s., the moneys of John Leaf Wilson, by whom he was employed. Description: English, a practical engineer, thirty-five years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, medium build, fresh complexion, black hair and eyes; very dark beard, whiskers, and moustache; wore dark-tweed suit. He was employed by Mr. Wilson as foreman of a stone-mill at South Bridge Junction. There are other charges of a similar nature pending against this offender.

JAMES BLYTH is charged, on warrant issued by the Dunedin Bench, with having, on the 9th of March last, at Dunedin, embezzled £9 10s., the moneys of the Albion Brewing and Malting Company, by whom he was employed. Description: Scotch, a brewers' traveller and collector, forty years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, stout build, fresh complexion, brown hair worn short; light brown beard, whiskers, and moustache; erect gait, smart active appearance; wore double-breasted light-tweed sac coat, trousers and vest of same material, and black-felt hat; drunken appearance. There are several other charges of a similar nature pending against this offender. He surrendered to the Dunedin Police, and was admitted to bail to appear at the City Police Court there on the 29th ultimo, but failed to attend. It has been ascertained that he left Timaru on the evening of the 28th ultimo, by the schooner "Aunie Bow," for Sydney.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1878, page 67.)

JOHN GRINDALL, charged with having obtained a coat, &c., by false pretences, from William Stephen Masling, has been arrested by Constable Edward Thornton, Timaru Police, and discharged.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1878, page 68.)

CHARLES HENRY WILKINSON, charged with embezzlement, committed on James Russell Hamilton, at Dunedin, left Auckland on the 1st ultimo by the steamer "Australia," for San Francisco, under the name of "Cowers." He was accompanied by his wife and child.

On the 10th ultimo, some large stones were placed on the rails of the Greymouth and Brunnerton Railway line, at a dangerous curve near Wallsend. The stones were not observed in time to stop the train, but fortunately the locomotive pushed them off the rails without sustaining any injury.

House-Breaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

On the morning of the 20th ultimo, the drapers' shop of W. B. Girling and Co., at Blenheim, was broken into and a drawer in the shop forced open with a chisel, and three half-sovereigns and about £3 10s. in silver and copper stolen therefrom. Messrs. Girling and Co. offer £20 reward for information that will lead to the conviction of the offender.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1878, page 37.)

JOHN BROOKS, charged with having stolen a gold chain from the dwelling of Charles Boyd, has been arrested by the Hurunui Police, and committed for trial.

STOLEN about the 8th ultimo, from the dwelling of Edward John Moffitt, at Newcastle, Auckland District, a gold signet ring with blood-stone in claw setting, a lion rampant, and "Pi et virtute" engraved on stone; value £4. Identifiable.

STOLEN during the night of the 13th ultimo, from the person of James Kerby, in Henry's Boardinghouse, Waimate, an English silver lever hunting watch with brass hands, a dent in back case, maker's name on dial, brass albert guard attached; value £6. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to a man known as "White-haired Bob," a native of London, labourer, about thirty years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, medium build, white hair; small white whiskers, beard, and moustache; fresh complexion, weak grey eyes; wore grey-tweed coat, moleskin trousers with knee straps, and black wide-awake hat; addicted to drink. He is supposed to have gone towards Timaru.

STOLEN on the 20th ultimo, from the dwelling of Henry Reynolds, South Street, Newton, Auckland, a hunting silver lever watch, number 23356, maker's name not known, hair guard and gold seal with red cornelian, with J.S. engraved thereon attached; value £6. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 15th ultimo, from the dwelling of a Mrs. Whittaker, Serpentine Avenue, Dunedin, a ladies' gold open-face Geneva watch, considerably worn, a dinge in case near centre, a ladies' gold chain, small round-link pattern, to which was attached an oval-shaped amethyst stone in gold, a gold pencilcase three inches long, and a small English gold watch-key with turquoise set round the top; value £12. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 19th ultimo, in the dwelling of William Wilson, George Street, Dunedin, a silver lever hunting watch, (maker, Bower, Timaru), No. 67760, rope-link pattern gold albert guard attached, the property of John Payne; value £16.