

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

JAMES WHORSKEY is charged, on warrant issued by the Auckland Bench, with making use of obscene language in White Street, Auckland, on the 27th February last. Description: Irish, a labourer, about thirty-six years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, medium build, dark-brown hair, moustache and goatee, cheeks shaved, high cheek bones, fond of drink. Unless he returns to Auckland, it is not desirable that he should be arrested. He was summoned for the offence, but he did not appear.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1880, page 30.)

FREDERICK VINCENT, charged on warrant with neglecting to provide for the support of his illegitimate child by Martha Proctor, has been arrested by Constable Michael Naughton, Kaipara Police, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment in default of sureties.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1879, page 218.)

WALTER ROBERTSON, charged with absconding from the Industrial School at Caversham, has been arrested by Constable David Burnett, Green Island Police.

JOHN WILLES, *alias* Racehorse Jack, is charged, on warrant issued by the Dargaville Bench, with disobeying a summons to appear at the Resident Magistrate's Court, Dargaville, on the 6th ultimo, to answer a charge of making use of indecent and obscene language. Description: Irish, a bushman and gum-digger, thirty-five years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, stout build, stooped shoulders, fair complexion, fair moustache and goatee, usually wears light-tweed trousers, soft white hat, and elastic-side boots. It is supposed he has gone to Wangaroa or Hokianga.

WILLIAM TOWN is charged, on warrant issued by the Gisborne Bench, with deserting his wife at Gisborne in October last. Description: English, a bricklayer and bushman, forty-two years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches high, fair complexion and hair, usually clean-shaved, large cocked nose, peculiar walk, turns his feet out, and swings his hands when walking. It is supposed he has gone to Auckland.

THOMAS O'KEEFE is charged, on warrants issued by the Dunedin Bench, with having assaulted William Toogood and Martha Rankin, at South Dunedin and Kensington, on the 26th ultimo. Description: Irish, a cabdriver and labourer, about twenty years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, medium build, fair fresh complexion, dark-brown hair and very light moustache, cheeks shaved, criminal appearance; when last seen wore dark-grey tweed sac coat, light-tweed trousers and vest, soft black-felt hat, and elastic-side boots. He was summoned for the offences, but failed to appear. It is supposed he has gone to Oamaru.

Deserters from Merchant Vessels.

JOHN DAHLGREEN is charged with deserting on the 8th ultimo from the barque "Agate" at Auckland. Description: A Russian, twenty-four years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, stout build, light hair, dirty complexion, smooth face, thick lips, large boil on one of cheeks, speaks a little English. A reward of £2 is offered for his arrest.

JOSEPH KEIHER is charged, on warrant issued by the Russell Bench, with deserting from the whaleship "James Arnold" at Russell on the 23rd ultimo. Description: A German, a blacksmith by trade, about twenty-nine years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, stout build, round features, light-brown hair, sandy whiskers and moustache worn short, speaks bad English; wore strong-grey frieze coat and trousers, dirty-check vest, and soft billycock hat. A reward of £5 is offered for his arrest.

Missing Friends.

LIZZIE MORGAN is missing from her home at Russell since the 25th February last. Description: A three-quarter-caste Maori, eighteen years of age, 5 feet high, freckled, good-looking. It is supposed she left Russell by the steamer "Te Anau," or by a collier for Auckland or the Thames. She is the illegitimate daughter of Charles Morgan, of the Thames.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1880, page 44.)

HARRY BROOKES MASON has been found.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of Robert Hector, Scotch, about twenty-six years of age, 6 feet 2 inches high, fresh complexion, grey eyes, brown hair, whiskers, and moustache, chin usually shaved. He joined the Police Force at Wellington on the 27th June, 1879, and was dismissed from the service there on the 1st October following. He left Wellington on the 28th November last by train for Fea-

therston, with the intention of going round the coast, and may be employed fishing. He had been in the Scotch Volunteers and the Royal Horse Guards. Inquiry is made for him at the request of his wife, who resides in Adelaide.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of George Edward Thomas, *alias* Stevens, who absconded from the Caversham Industrial School on the 29th November, 1878. Description: Fourteen years of age, very fair hair and complexion, blue eyes; supposed to be in the Oamaru District. And of Robert McCanigan, who absconded from the same institution on the 10th October, 1879. Description: Eleven years of age, dark hair, hazel eyes; supposed to be working on a farm in the Saddle Hill District.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of Thomas Walsh, a native of Southland, fifteen years of age, tall and strong appearance. He was committed from Invercargill to the Naval Training Ship at Kohimarama for two years, and since then served a sentence in Mount Eden Gaol, and it is said was subsequently employed in a small fishing boat called the "Zodiac." He was heard of about four months ago at a Mr. McShane's, Chancery Lane, Auckland. Inquiry is made for him at the request of his parents.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of Thomas Ward, English, a groom and labourer, fifty years of age, about 5 feet 6 inches high, slight build, fair complexion, grey hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache, lame. When last seen wore dark-tweed trousers and vest, white-flannel shirt with blue stripes, old white soft-felt hat, and old worn water-tight boots without nails. He arrived at Lefndon Station during the night of the 24th ultimo in a weak despondent state, and left there the following morning without his coat, and it is feared has been drowned in the Lottery River, opposite Sherwood Station, Canterbury.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of Henry Kirke, English, a clerk, thirty-seven years of age, 5 feet 5½ inches high, stout build, fresh complexion, blue eyes, light-brown hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache; well educated. He had been employed by Mr. P. K. Watty, accountant, Wellington, as clerk, and in January last gave way to drink. He left Wellington early in February, and was soon after seen at the Lower Hutt. He may have gone to the Small-Farm Settlement at Pahautanui.

Inquest.

AN inquest was held on the 14th February last, at the Ohaeawai Hotel, Ohaeawai, Auckland District, by E. M. Williams, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Robert Reid, who died there suddenly on the previous day. Verdict: "Died from heart disease." Description: Deceased was an American, a gum-digger, thirty-eight years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, stout build, dark hair and whiskers. It is believed he had no relatives in the colony, and that he died intestate.

Miscellaneous Information.*Appointments as Constables.*

Robert Ross, No. 1948.
Robert Billing, No. 1949.
Charles Crisp, No. 1950.

Promotion.

Constable James Finn, No. 1863, to be Probationary Third-class Sergeant.

Resigned.

Constable Kenneth Alexander Kennedy, No. 1470.

Dismissals.

Constable Thomas Ellis, No. 1153.
Constable Harry Burston, No. 1105.

Rewards.

THE sum of £5 each has been awarded from the Reward Fund to Constables Archibald B. Campbell and Edward Harby, in recognition of their services in connection with the detection and prosecution of eight persons, fined £165 and costs, for sly grog-selling in the Wanganui District.

THE sum of £3 has been awarded from the Reward Fund to Sergeant Percy F. Carlyon, Temuka Police, in recognition of his services in connection with the detection and prosecution of Thomas Liston, fined £50 for sly grog-selling.

THE sum of £2 has been awarded from the Reward Fund to Detective Patrick Quinn, Hokitika Police, in recognition of the zeal and tact shown by him in the arrest and prosecution of