



# NEW ZEALAND POLICE GAZETTE.

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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.

The arrest of offenders described in the *Police Gazette*, or respecting whom crime reports have been forwarded for insertion in the *Gazette*, should be promptly notified.

When notifying the arrest of persons charged with larceny, or suspected of larceny, it should be stated whether the property stolen, or any portion of it, has been recovered.

A description of property, supposed to be stolen, found in the possession of offenders, for which owners cannot be found, should be furnished for insertion in the *Gazette*.

Communications for this *Gazette* should be addressed to the Commissioner of Constabulary, Wellington, and the envelope marked "For *Gazette*."

### Incendiarism.

ON the morning of the 26th ultimo, at Centre Bush, Southland, a stable, containing eight horses, a threshing engine and elevators, the property of John Shand, was, with its contents, destroyed by fire, which it is supposed was wilfully caused. The stable was insured in the New Zealand Office for £200.

ON the morning of the 23rd ultimo, at Dipton, Southland, a two-roomed wooden house, the property of Robert Murray, was, with contents, destroyed by fire, which it is believed was wilfully caused. The house and furniture were insured for £80 in the Norwich Union Office, but were not valued for more than about £40.

### Offences Not Otherwise Described.

JOHN D. COSTRO is charged, on warrant issued by the Dunedin Bench, with uttering a forged cheque for £2 5s. to Alexander Owen, in the Ship Inn, Dunedin, on the 8th ultimo. Description: Supposed to be a Spaniard, a clerk or waiter, about thirty-six years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, medium build, dark complexion and eyes, dark hair, clean-shaved except black moustache; when last seen wore dark-tweed suit and hard black-felt hat. He left Dunedin on the 8th ultimo by train, supposed for Oamaru. The cheque purported to be signed by Wilkins and Co., Cumberland Street, Dunedin.

A MAN, name unknown, is charged, on warrant issued by the Dunedin Bench, with obtaining a pair of cookham boots, value £1 12s. 6d., on the 7th ultimo, from John Elliott, George Street, Dunedin, by false representations. Description: English, about fifty years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, medium build, sallow complexion, Roman nose, grey hair, full grey beard and whiskers, no moustache, turns his toes out when walking; when last seen wore light-grey-tweed suit and small round dark-tweed hat. Identifiable. He falsely represented that he was messenger at the Bank of New Zealand, and that he was sent for the boots by Mr. G. Ferrier, the Manager.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 123.)

JOHN SYMINGTON, charged on warrant with embezzling £1

6s., the money of Henry Knight, has been arrested by Sergeant Edward Hughes, Christchurch Police, and sentenced to one month's labour.

### Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

JOHN SULLIVAN is charged, on warrant issued by the Timaru Bench, with stealing, on the 27th June last, from the Shamrock Hotel, Timaru, a brown ribbed-cloth overcoat, since recovered; value £2; the property of Maurice Drury. Description: English, a labourer, sixty-nine years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, medium build, grey hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache; wore old grey-tweed sac-coat, moleskin trousers, and soft black-felt hat. He left the Charitable Aid Home, Christchurch, about the 15th ultimo.

STOLEN on the 21st ultimo, from the Prince Albert Boarding-house, Ashburton, a new double-breasted blue-beaver-cloth overcoat, lined with black Italian cloth, sleeves lined with drab-cloth buttons, an inside and three outside pockets, "W. Strange and Co." on tape at collar, size 5; the property of Joseph George Green, value £1 9s. 6d. Identifiable.

DURING the night of the 26th ultimo the dwelling of Walter Reeves, Otaio, Canterbury, was broken into, and a cash-box containing insurance policies and other valuable documents stolen. The cash-box has since been found on the road near the house broken open, but none of the contents stolen. Suspicion attached to John Opie, James Gaby, and William Price, servants in Mr. Reeves's employment.

STOLEN on the 25th ultimo, from the shop of James Rhodes, at Patea, a pair of ladies' kid shoes, a pair of girls' kid shoes, a pair of girls' prunella boots, and a pair of children's lace boots; value £1 14s. 6d. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, a shoemaker, forty-five years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, medium build, sandy complexion, hair and whiskers turning grey; wore grey coat and black hat; carried shoemakers' tools rolled up in an old apron. He went towards Hawera.

ON the 1st instant the hut of John Middleton, near Brunswick Railway-station, Wanganui, was broken into, and three £1 notes and about 10s. in silver stolen.

DURING the night of the 22nd ultimo the dwelling of John Carl, Papanui Road, Christchurch, was broken into, and the following stolen: A dark-brown check-tweed waterproof overcoat, with black velvet collar, and belt which buttons at back; two new meerschaum pipes, medium size, one with crooked stem, the other with straight stem and crooked amber mouth-piece;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. of cut tobacco, 3 lb. of sausages, and a loaf of bread; value £3 14s. Overcoat and pipes identifiable.

STOLEN on the 23rd ultimo, from the shop-door of Charles Albert Gaze, at Wanganui, a small octagon lever clock, 6-inch dial, a small chip out of one of angles; value 15s. Identifiable.