

BETWEEN 9 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on the 16th July last the points at the Ringway railway siding, near Otautau, Southland, were maliciously altered, which caused the train to run off the main line into the siding. Between 12.30 and 4 p.m. on the same day the padlock of the same points was maliciously broken.

A MAN, name unknown, is charged with having indecently exposed his person to Ellen Fairbairn, in Bedford Row, Christchurch, about 9 p.m. on the 10th ultimo. Description: Supposed English, about thirty years of age, about 5 feet 9 inches high, medium build; wore long dark overcoat, supposed an ulster, and hard black felt hat. About 8.45 p.m. on the 17th ultimo a man of the same description indecently exposed his person to Helen Infield and Mary Atkinson, also in Bedford Row.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1880, page 187.)

ELIZABETH MARY BAKER, indecently assaulted by a man name unknown, at Kaikorai Valley.—The parents of the girl wish that no further action be taken in the matter.

GEORGE ISIDORE D'ARCEY, *alias* Danzicker, is charged, on warrant issued by the Christchurch Bench, with uttering a forged cheque for £10 to Henry Groth, in the Golden Fleece Hotel, Christchurch, on the 2nd ultimo. Description: Supposed an English Jew, a clerk, about twenty-six years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches high, medium build, sallow complexion, round features, thick nose, black hair, rather long and inclined to curl at back, clean-shaved except short black side whiskers and moustache, short-sighted, and wears spectacles; dressed in shabby-black suit and hard black hat. The cheque is on the Colonial Bank, Oamaru, and purports to be signed by R. F. Lewis, whom offender said was his uncle, and resided at Oamaru. He is also charged, on warrant issued by the Ashburton Bench, with uttering a forged cheque for £4 to Thomas Quill, at Ashburton, on the 12th ultimo. He went by the name of Marks at Ashburton. The cheque purports to be signed by S. D. Nathan, Christchurch, by whom the offender was lately employed. He left Ashburton on the 12th ultimo by train for the South, accompanied by a man about twenty-two years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, shabby appearance. A Mrs. Hyman, of Dunedin, is an aunt of the offender's. It is believed he will make for Melbourne, where he had been before he came to this colony. He is also charged, on warrant issued by the Dunedin Bench, with uttering a forged cheque for £10 (drawn on the Bank of New Zealand, Christchurch, purporting to be signed R. B. Turner in favour of F. Marks) to James Nixon, at Dunedin, on the 20th ultimo. When in Dunedin he wore pepper-and-salt-tweed suit and hard black-felt hat. He is fond of playing billiards and singing Pinafore airs. He frequently expressed a wish to go to Sydney to Richard Thatcher, a friend of his, who keeps an hotel there, but was formerly a theatrical agent. Supposed to have gone to Melbourne or Sydney.

A MAN, name unknown, is charged with having indecently exposed his person to Annie McCutchen and Elizabeth Stephenson, aged seven years and six years respectively, in the Cricket-ground, Kensington, near Dunedin, about 1.30 p.m. on the 26th ultimo. Description: About thirty years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, very dark complexion, dark hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache; wore dark-tweed suit and soft black-felt hat; looked like a loafer. Identifiable.

FRANCIS DOCHERTY is charged, on warrant issued by the Oamaru Bench, with having committed a breach of "The Debtors and Creditors Act, 1876," at Oamaru, on the 11th August last, by concealing £200 from his creditors. Description: Irish, recently an hotelkeeper in Oamaru, about forty-five years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, medium build, dark complexion and eyes, sharp features, dark hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache, worn long; usually wears dark-paget coat, grey-tweed trousers, and hard black-felt hat. He left Lyttelton on the 6th ultimo by the steamer "Rotorua" for Melbourne.

JOHN GORDON is charged, on warrant issued by the Dunedin Bench, with fraudulent bankruptcy, committed at Dunedin on the 23rd February last, by concealing £300 and a gold watch from his creditors. Description: Scotch, formerly a dairyman at Halfway Bush, fifty-two years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, medium build, sallow complexion, sharp nose, grey sunken eyes, dark hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache, turning grey; wore brown-mixture tweed coat and vest, bedford-cord trousers, red-and-white-plaid shirt, black-felt hat, and lace-up boots. He was arrested at Dunedin on the 20th ultimo on a charge of drunkenness. A daughter of his lives at Port Chalmers.

A MAN, name unknown, is charged with having indecently exposed his person to Elizabeth Mary Munnings and Margaret Ellis, in the Museum, Christchurch, about 3.30 p.m. on the 19th ultimo. Description: About twenty-five years of age,

5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, medium build, small dark-sandy beard, whiskers, and moustache, very red face; wore dark clothes and small hard black hat; carried a walking-stick; respectable appearance. Identification doubtful.

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

ABOUT 3 a.m. on the 18th ultimo Jabez Harrison was assaulted by two men, names unknown, in Worcester Street, Christchurch, and robbed of three half crowns. Description: 1st. About twenty-five years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches high. 2nd. About twenty years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches high. Harrison was under the influence of drink at the time.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, pages 108 and 132.)

JOHN POWELL, arrested by Sergeant Henry Martin, Auckland Police, for stealing a gold watch, &c., from the Temuka Hotel, Temuka, the property of Thomas Joseph Selious, is identical with John Warden, *alias* Gallagher, sentenced at Oamaru on the 1st September, 1869, to fifteen years' penal servitude for wounding with intent to murder. (See *Police Gazette*, 1879, page 237.)

STOLEN during the night of the 23rd or morning of the 24th ultimo, from a dwelling at Clinton, a common leather purse containing a cheque for £20 on the Bank of New Zealand, Balclutha, drawn by W. Charlton in favour of William Edwards or bearer, and five £1 notes; the property of William Edwards. Purse and cheque identifiable. Also a pair of lace-up boots, a pair of elastic-side boots, and a pair of tweed trousers, size 5; the property of David Melrose; value £2 8s. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 10th or 11th ultimo, from the Railway Hotel, Pleasant Point, Canterbury, an open-face silver lever watch, maker Harris, London, No. 4890, value £1; and a ladies' gold ring, with one stone and places for two other stones, value £1; the property of Timothy Geaney. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 26th ultimo, from the dwelling of Charley Waitara, Taita, Lower Hutt, a nearly-new large white single blanket with blue stripes at ends, and a rug with black stripes about 2 inches wide; value £1 10s. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to Henry Watson, English, a labourer, twenty-eight years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, slight build, fair complexion, weak eyes, winks frequently, light-brown hair, very little hair on face; supposed to have gone to the Wairarapa.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 161.)

STEALING money, &c., from the person of Emily Simcox, at Upokongaro, near Wanganui.—The cheque is for £7.

STOLEN on the 21st ultimo, from the Imperial Hotel, Princes Street, Dunedin, a ladies' jacket, value £3, since recovered; the property of Mary Coneys. The jacket was pledged at Cohen's pawn office, Princes Street, by a girl about seventeen years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, medium build, fresh complexion; wore dark dress and small black hat. She said the jacket belonged to her mother, Mrs. Stewart, of South Dunedin.

A MAN, name unknown, is charged with stealing, on the 18th ultimo, from the Panama Boarding-house, Ashburton, a swag, value £1 10s., since recovered; the property of Alfred Smyth. Description: About forty years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, slight build, fair beard, whiskers, and moustache; wore light-tweed coat and trousers. Identifiable.

STOLEN between 6 p.m. on the 25th and 8 a.m. on the 26th ultimo, from the Post Office and Railway Office at Featherston, a £5 note on the Bank of New Zealand, a £1 note, a small calico bag containing about 13s. in small silver and copper, two second-class railway-tickets, Nos. 9798 and 9799, from Featherston to Wellington, and a second-class return-ticket, No. 249, from Greytown; the property of the Government. Tickets and bag identifiable.

ON the 17th ultimo the dwelling of Joseph Reilly, Ponsonby, Auckland, was broken into, and a £1 note, a sovereign, and two half-sovereigns, stolen.

STOLEN between the 22nd and 25th August last, from a shed at the Wharf, Warkworth, a 5-gallon keg of beer; the property of Robert Whitson; value 15s. Identification doubtful.

BETWEEN 5 p.m. on the 27th and 8.30 a.m. on the 28th ultimo the store of H. B. Sorenson and Co., Lichfield Street, Christchurch, was broken into, and six tins of lobster, labelled "Fresh Star Lobster, Portland Packing Company," stolen; value 5s.

STOLEN on the 17th ultimo, from the Provincial Hotel, Stafford Street, Dunedin, a velvet tablecloth, red-and-yellow