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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*.

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Incendiarism.

On the 17th ultimo some dry tea-tree and wood, saturated with kerosene oil, and a piece of lighted candle, were placed under the floor of the house of Alexander Farmer, at Kamo, Auckland, with the intention of destroying the house, but the fire was discovered and extinguished before any damage was done.

On the 5th ultimo, at North Otatau, Southland, about six chains of a post-and-rail fence, the property of the Government, value £6, was maliciously destroyed by fire.

On the morning of the 25th ultimo an unoccupied four-roomed house, at Tapanui, the property of Bremner and Washer, was maliciously destroyed by fire. The house was insured for £100 in the National Office.

ABOUT 10.40 p.m. on the 22nd ultimo the drapers' shop of Wood and Smith, at Timaru, was maliciously set on fire, but the fire was discovered and extinguished before much damage was done. The stock was insured for £1,400, which is considerably less than its value.

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 167.)

SAMUEL GARRETT, charged on warrant with embezzling money, the property of Messrs. Brown and Everett, has been arrested by Constable Thomas Loose, Waimate Police, and sentenced to three months' labour.

G. S. SKINNER is charged, on warrant issued by the Wellington Bench, with forging and uttering a cheque for £1 5s. to Walter Smart, in Manners Street, Wellington, on or about the 15th ultimo. Description: English, supposed to be a clerk, about twenty-three years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, slight build, fair complexion, sandy hair, clean-shaved except small sandy moustache, short nose; dressed in grey-tweed suit and round grey-tweed hat, no necktie; rather respectable ap-

pearance; fond of smoking cigarettes, and blows the smoke through his nostrils; addicted to drink, and frequents brothels. He is supposed to have gone to Wanganui. The cheque is drawn on the Bank of New Zealand, Te Aro, payable to "A. Cameron," and signed "J. McLean."

SAMUEL ROTHWELL is charged, on warrant issued by the Reefton Bench, with personating one Patrick Kelly, at the Inangahua County Council election for Antonio's Riding, at Antonio's Flat, on the 16th ultimo. Description: Supposed Irish, twenty-six years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair, whiskers, and moustache; dressed in dark coat, tweed trousers and vest, and black hat. He was seen at Lyell on the 24th ultimo.

BILL ROWLAND is charged with having indecently exposed his person to Annie Willoughby and others, at Timaru, on the 30th ultimo and 1st instant. Description: English, a labourer, about thirty-five years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches high, stiff build, reddish face, hair inclined to be sandy, reddish moustache, whiskers shaved off about three weeks ago; dressed in dark or dark-brown coat, dirty-brown-moleskin trousers, and dark-felt hat; carried a blue-blanket swag. He is well known in the Ashburton and Rakaia Districts.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, pages 191 and 201.)

JAMES HOGAN, charged on warrant with burglariously entering the Golden Age Hotel, Cromwell, the property of Charles McKenna, has been arrested by Constable William Bell, Black's Police, and remanded to Cromwell.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 201.)

WILLIAM MYBRAE, charged on warrant with stealing a pair of opera-glasses from the dwelling of James Longbottom, at Auckland, has been arrested by Constable Frederick Wild, Hamilton Police, and sentenced to fourteen days' labour.

A MAN, who gave the name of Brown, is charged with stealing, between the 26th and 28th ultimo, from the library of the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, Moray Place, Dunedin, three books, value £1 10s., since recovered. Description: English, about twenty-eight years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, slight build, dark hair, very small whiskers and moustache, chin shaved; wore dark-grey-tweed suit, and hard black-felt hat. Identifiable. He sold the books to George Rowlands and Charles Shepard, dealers, George Street, Dunedin.

STOLEN between 11 p.m. on the 1st and 1 a.m. on the 2nd instant, from the person of Edward Rolleston, whilst drunk, at Dunedin, a £20 note and five £5 notes. Suspicion attached to Thomas Mills, English, a cook, twenty years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, medium build, fair complexion, fair hair, a little fair hair on chin and upper lip; dressed in dark-blue-cloth coat, grey-tweed trousers and vest, and soft black-felt hat.