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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.

ABOUT 10 p.m. on the 23rd ultimo, at Charlton, Southland, a stack of oaten straw, the property of John Gilder, value £30, was maliciously set on fire, by which it was destroyed. A stack of wheaten straw and 200 bags of oats, which stood near the oaten stack, were with much difficulty saved from destruction. The property was not insured.

ON the morning of the 2nd ultimo, an unoccupied four-roomed weatherboard house in Adelaide Road, Wellington, the property of John Blanford, was discovered on fire, by which it and an adjoining house, also the property of Blanford, and occupied by James Scoones, were destroyed. At an inquest held on the 25th ultimo, by G. B. Davy, Esq., Coroner, a verdict was returned to the effect that the fire was wilfully and maliciously caused. The houses were insured in the South British Office for £50 each, which is fully what they were worth.

ON the morning of the 17th ultimo, at Greenvale Station, near Kingston, a wool-shed, containing a wool-press, three bales of rabbitskins, &c., value about £900, the property of William Sinclair Trotter, was destroyed by fire, which, it is supposed, was maliciously caused. An insurance for £800 on the shed, in the New Zealand Office, lapsed on the day previous to the fire.

ABOUT 7.30 p.m. on the 16th of April last an hotel at Gore, the property of Edward Brennan, was maliciously set on fire, but the fire was discovered and extinguished before much damage was done. The building, stock, and furniture, &c., were insured for their full value.

DURING the night of the 2nd ultimo, at Thurby Domain, Speargrass Flat, near Arrowtown, two stacks of oats, the property of William Ross, value about £87, were maliciously set on fire, by which they were destroyed. The stacks were insured in the South British Office for £200. At an inquest held on the 9th ultimo, by C. C. Boyes, Esq., Coroner, the following verdict was returned: "That the stacks were wilfully set on fire by some person or persons unknown, with intent to defraud the South British Insurance Company."

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, pages 101 and 109.)

UTTERING forged cheques to Oscar George Augustus Harvey and Stewart H. Manson: William Dawson, recently sentenced at the Supreme Court, Napier, to three years' penal servitude on two charges of forging and uttering cheques, is believed to be identical with William Rex Rose. The writing on the cheques forged at Napier is exactly similar to the writing on those forged at Wanganui.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 101.)

GEORGE HART, charged with having uttered a forged cheque to Thomas Prosser, has been arrested by Detective Edward Hughes, Auckland Police, and committed for trial on that charge and on five other similar charges.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, pages 109 and 110.)

WILLIAM WHILEY, charged on warrant with having obtained £20 from Henry Fuller, at Adelaide, by false pretences, is said to have come to this colony. His arrest is of the utmost importance.

ON the 21st ultimo, at Gladstone, Southland, four windows, value about £4, were maliciously broken in the dwelling of Joseph Bray.

HENRY WINTER, known as the Indian Corn Doctor, is charged, on warrant issued at Melbourne, with having feloniously left Victoria on the 15th ultimo, he being insolvent. Description: Forty to forty-five years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, slender build, dark complexion, coarse black hair, slightly tinged with grey, heavy black moustache, looks and speaks like an American Jew; generally wears black diagonal frock-coat, dark-tweed trousers and vest, and black bell-topper hat. He lately kept a grocer's shop in Prahran. He may be accompanied by a woman about twenty-six years of age, tall and rather stout, fair complexion; wore long dark cloak with wide sleeves; has a baby eight months old with her.

ON the 3rd instant the barbed wire fence round the University Reserve, Albany Street, Dunedin, the property of the University Council, was maliciously cut in sixteen places, thereby damaging it to the extent of about 10s.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

CHARLES SMITH is charged with stealing on the 1st ultimo from a dwelling at Nightcaps, Southland, a nearly-new red double blanket, the property of Thomas Phillips, value £1 10s; and a nearly-new blue double blanket, the property of Pierce Burns, value £1 10s. Identifiable. Description: English, a labourer and rabbit, about twenty-six years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, slight build, round-shouldered and slightly stooped, fresh complexion, fair hair, small fair beard whiskers and moustache, hoarse gruff voice, simple manner; dressed in dark-tweed coat, white-moleskin trousers, soft black-felt hat, and watertight boots; carried a swag. It is supposed he has gone to Wyndham or Queenstown.