



# 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*.

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### Supposed Murder.

WI KAIPUKI, a Maori chief, while ill at Murewai, Poverty Bay, accused Te Rapaera of having bewitched him, and said that if he died Te Rapaera would be killed. Wi Kaipuki died on the 21st ultimo, when it was said by the Natives that Te Rapaera was to be killed for causing his death. Te Rapaera left Murewai and went to Whareongaonga when first accused of having bewitched deceased; he returned to Murewai on the 6th ultimo, and arranged with Hemi Mahuki for the safe-keeping of his property; and, as he has not since been seen or heard of, it is now supposed he has been murdered. He is described as follows: A native of a Maori village near Wairoa, about fifty years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches high, square stiff build, round features, very much tattooed, prominent piercing eyes, nose inclined to be aquiline; usually wears trousers and vest, shirt, boots, and hat; rarely wears a coat. He had to leave his native village some years ago on account of being accused of witchcraft. Suspicion attached to Maoris living at Murewai or Whareongaonga. He may not have been murdered, but may have gone to some other Maori settlement.

### Incendiarism.

BETWEEN 5 p.m. on the 28th and 8 a.m. on the 29th September last the premises of Thomas John Walters, range-maker, situate off Cashel Street, Christchurch, were entered through the office-window, and two attempts made in different places to set the premises on fire, but very little damage was done.

BETWEEN 8 p.m. on the 13th and 7 a.m. on the 14th instant a gate at the entrance leading to the dwelling of William Craig, Hospital Flat, Waitahuna Road, near Lawrence, was maliciously taken off its hinges, carried about 50 yards away, and burned.

ON the morning of the 6th instant an unoccupied three-roomed cottage at Patea, the property of James Lett, was destroyed by fire, which it is supposed was maliciously caused. It was insured in the Union Office for £100, which amount is in excess of what it was worth. The fire extended

to an unoccupied two-roomed house, the property of David Donnelly, which was partially destroyed. It was insured in the Standard Office for £60.

### Offences Not Otherwise Described.

THOMAS ROULSTON is charged, on warrant issued at Christchurch by his Honour Judge Williams, with fraudulent bankruptcy, committed at Ngapara on the 7th instant. Description: A native of the North of Ireland, lately a store-keeper at Ngapara, about thirty or thirty-two years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, rather stout build, round features, fresh complexion, dark-brown hair whiskers and moustache, round stooped shoulders, carries his head slightly to one side; wore dark clothes and hard dark hat. He was seen on board the San Francisco steamer, at Auckland, on the 7th instant. He is known to Mr. Warren, of the Colonial Bank, and to Mr. Ronayne, tobacconist, Auckland.

SIMON ASHFORD is charged, on warrant issued by the Wanganni Bench, with having committed perjury at Wanganni on the 25th ultimo. Description: A half-caste Maori, about eighteen years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, medium build, black hair. He is supposed to have gone to the Taupo District.

ABOUT 7.15 p.m. on the 4th instant a pane of glass, value 15s., was maliciously broken in a window of the Odd Fellows' Hall, Sophia Street, Timaru; the property of the trustees.

ABOUT noon on the 31st ultimo a stone was maliciously thrown at a railway train between Norfolk Road and Stratford, Taranaki, breaking one of the carriage windows; value 10s.; the property of the Government.

ABOUT 8.30 p.m. on the 3rd instant seven panes of glass, value £1 1s., the property of the Government, were maliciously broken in the schoolhouse at Knapdale, Southland.

DANIEL SULLIVAN is charged, on warrant issued by the Wellington Bench, with having, on or about the 15th ultimo, uttered a forged cheque for £10 to the teller at the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington. Description: A native of County Kerry, Ireland, a labourer, about twenty-five years of age, about 5 feet 9 inches high, stout build, fair pale complexion, round head and face, small cocked nose, small blue eyes, no upper front teeth, fair hair cut short, no hair on face except fair moustache; dressed in dark-tweed suit and hard round black-felt hat. He until recently kept a restaurant at Thorndon Quay, Wellington. He joined the Constabulary at Wellington on the 25th October, 1881, and was dismissed from the force at Christchurch on the 7th July, 1882. The cheque purports to be signed by Cornelius O'Connor, who was staying in offender's house. He was seen in Wellington on the 2nd instant.

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

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 155.)

— MILLER, charged on warrant with stealing a silver knife and fork from Gleeson's Hotel, Auckland, the property