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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 envelopes marked "For *Gazette*."

Incendiarism.

On the morning of the 30th January last, at the Maori pa, Whakataki, Tenui, two whares containing six guns, two revolvers, carpenters' tools, harness, bedding, and a quantity of clothing, &c., the property of Peter Johnson, value about £180, were, with contents, maliciously destroyed by fire.

On the morning of the 10th ultimo the store of Robert Atcheson, Palmerston Street, Riverton, was maliciously set on fire from the outside of the building, but the fire was discovered and extinguished before much damage was done. The building was insured for £150, and the stock for £500.

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 171.)

J. BRADY, charged on warrant with uttering a forged order to Messrs. J. and A. McLeod, has been arrested by Constable William Walker, Otahuhu Police.

On the morning of the 25th ultimo two kerosene lamps in Rintoul and Hall Streets, Wellington, the property of the Wellington City Council, were maliciously broken, and damaged to the extent of 7s. 6d. The globes and wicks were taken away and the burners destroyed.

WILLIAM JAMES PATTERSON is charged, on warrant issued at Adelaide, with embezzling £1,000, the moneys of John Clark, by whom he was employed. Description: Eighteen years of age, 5 feet 10½ inches high, fair complexion, rather long freckled face, dark brown hair, no hair on face; generally wears light-tweed trousers and vest, black-cloth frock coat, and a hard black duke hat; sometimes wears a dark-tweed suit and soft-felt hat; fond of billiards. He is accompanied by a girl named Bessie Edwards about his own age. They left Adelaide about the 4th January last for Melbourne, supposed en route for New Zealand, via Sydney, and will probably attempt to get to San Francisco. They tried to get married before leaving Adelaide. They are travelling under the assumed names of Mr. Stillwell and Miss Greer. He has embezzled other moneys. His arrest is of the utmost importance.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 215, and 1884, pages 16, 27, and 28.)

THE warrant issued by the Wellington Bench for the arrest of Antonio, for having assaulted and robbed Alfred Grey, has been cancelled. It is now believed by the police that the complainant was not assaulted and robbed as alleged.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1882, page 115, and 1883, page 72.)

DANIEL SPENCE, charged on warrant with stealing a pair of blankets, &c., from the dwelling of Thomas Montague, at St. Kilda, has been arrested by Detective Terence O'Brien, Oamaru Police, and the charge withdrawn, owing to one of the principal witnesses being dead, and the prosecutor having left the colony.

FREDERICK HARRIS is charged, on warrant issued by the Christchurch Bench, with stealing, on the 5th ultimo, from the shop-door of Messrs. Walsh and O'Connell, Colombo Street, Christchurch, a blue paget-coat, since recovered; value £2 9s. 6d. Description: English, a blacksmith, about forty-nine years of age, between 5 feet 5 and 5 feet 7 inches high, stout build, sallow complexion, dark-brown hair beard whiskers and moustache; frequents publichouses, and is fond of drink. (See *Police Gazette*, 1881, page 158.) He pawned the coat on the 6th ultimo at Stewart's pawn office, where he gave his name as F. Evans. He is also charged with stealing, on the 4th ultimo, from the shop-door of T. H. Bone, Cashel Street, Christchurch, a pair of dark-tweed trousers, value 12s. 6d., since recovered. He pawned the trousers on the 6th ultimo at Lezard's pawn office. There are other similar offences pending against him.

STOLEN on the 26th ultimo, from the person of Alexander McDonald, while drunk at Oamaru, a silver lever hunting-watch, maker Rotherham, No. 6521, gold balance; a heavy silver albert chain, cable pattern, a small silver key and a red-stone seal attached; value £8 10s. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 8.)

STEALING a plum-pudding from the kitchen of George Towersey, Lambton Quay, Wellington: It is now believed that the pudding was taken by dogs.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 197.)

THE packing-case, containing a brown-skin rug, &c., stolen between Wellington and Martinborough, is the property of James Orr.

STOLEN on the 22nd or 23rd ultimo, from the shop of Elisha Stokes, King Street, Dunedin, a roll of black italian cloth; value £2 14s. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 22nd or 23rd ultimo, from the person of William Gibson, jun., while drunk at the Forbury Race-course, near Dunedin, a silver lever hunting-watch, makers Gray and Young, London, No. 18795; value £10. Identifiable.