

Miscellaneous Information.*Officer dispensed with.*

The services of the under-mentioned officer have been dispensed with from the 30th ultimo on reduction of the Field Force:—

Acting Sub-Inspector Charles Goring Minnitt.

Promotions.

The following promotions have been made in the police branch:—

Sergeant-Major Samuel Moore,
Sergeant-Major Andrew Thompson,
Sergeant-Major William Avention Kiely,
Sergeant-Major Robert Bullen,
Sergeant-Major Samuel Goodall, and
Sergeant-Major William Stone-Pardy,

to be Third-class Inspectors from the 12th instant;

First-class Sergeant Thomas O'Grady, No. 5,
First-class Sergeant John Bevin, No. 29,
First-class Sergeant William Thomas Mason, No. 118, and
First-class Sergeant Patrick Fair, No. 25,

to be Sergeants-Major from the 15th instant; and

Constable Edward Wilson, No. 265, Clerk in District Office, Wanganui, to be Third-class Sergeant.

Appointment as Constable.

William Kenorley, No. 2624.

Resignation.

Constable Arthur Paterson, No. 2184.

Rewards.

THE sum of £1 has been awarded from the Reward Fund to Constable Timothy O'Rourke, Wellington Police, in recognition of his praiseworthy exertions in effecting the arrest of Rudolph Sharfhausen, Thomas Stone, and Gustave Hansen, each sentenced to fourteen days' labour for assaulting the police.

THE sum of £1 has been awarded by Mr. John Rigger to Constable E. J. Lawliss, Hastings Police, for the recovery of a lost horse, saddle, and bridle.

Extracts from New Zealand Gazette.*(From Gazette, 1884, page 1717.)*

Fixing Sittings of the District Courts of Nelson and Westland.

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS,

Governor.

IN pursuance and exercise of the power and authority in this behalf enabling me, I, William Francis Drummond Jervois, the Governor of the Colony of New Zealand, do hereby fix and appoint that sittings of the District Courts of Nelson and Westland, for civil and criminal business, shall be held as follows, from and after the first day of January next, in lieu of those previously fixed and appointed:—

Nelson District.

In the Courthouse, Nelson, on the 8th January, 12th February, 30th March, 20th April, 28th May, 25th June, 30th July, 24th August, 28th September, 15th October, 23rd November, 10th December.

Westland District.

In the Supreme Courthouse, Hokitika, on the 22nd January, 9th March, 7th May, 9th July, 3rd September, 2nd November.

In the Courthouse, Greymouth, on the 26th January, 12th March, 11th May, 13th July, 7th September, 5th November.

In the Courthouse, Reefton, on the 30th January, 19th March, 15th May, 17th July, 10th September, 10th November.

In the Courthouse, Westport, on the 4th February, 23rd March, 20th May, 22nd July, 16th September, 16th November.

Provided that in case any of the days so fixed as aforesaid shall happen to be a holiday, then the Court appointed for that day shall be holden on the first day thereafter not being a holiday.

As witness the hand of His Excellency the Governor, this thirteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

P. A. BUCKLEY.

Extracts from Victoria Police Gazette.*(From Gazette, 1884, pages 313, 321, and 329.)*

HENRY FREDERICK METZ is charged on warrant with stealing the property described hereafter from Charles Johnston, 134, Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, on the 25th ultimo. Description: An English Jew, twenty-eight years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, slender, dark complexion, dark moustache and "side-boards," large nose, dresses well; appearance of a sporting man. May have gone to Sydney, as he is said to have a brother in the telegraph office there. Offender obtained the following on time-payment, and sold them at Beauchamp's auction-rooms, Collins Street, Melbourne: Six hair-cloth chairs, moulded backs; a Vienna rocking-chair, a cedar table, 6 by 4 feet, on castors; two carpet folding-chairs, a bronze fender, 10 yards linoleum, 2 yards wide; a table-cover, 8½ yards linoleum, 1 yard wide; four small door-mats. All the goods, except the table-cover, bear the number 6416 and C. J.—O. 6778, 17th November, 1884.

(See Police Gazette, 1884, page 313.)

HENRY METZ, larceny from Charles Johnston: Some of the furniture was sold on the 4th instant, and on the 5th instant offender received an advance-note for £25 on the portion unsold. Offender was seen in Melbourne on the 10th instant. It is said he served a term of imprisonment for forgery in New Zealand, where he has a brother.—O. 6678, 22nd November, 1844.

(See Police Gazette, 1884, page 321.)

HENRY METZ, larceny from Charles Johnston: Photographs of offender and his wife are in the police offices of Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Launceston, Hobart, Brisbane, and Wellington, New Zealand.—O. 6778, 2nd December, 1884.

Extract from New South Wales Police Gazette.*(From Gazette, 1884, page 465.)*

NEWCASTLE.—A warrant has been issued by the Newcastle Bench for the arrest of Henry Vincent, charged with stealing a cheque for £51 14s. 4d. (recovered), the property of William Lowry Morpeth, on the 6th instant. Offender is twenty years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, dark hair, large nose, long features, very peculiar countenance, a Jew. Supposed to have gone to Melbourne, where his mother resides, or to New Zealand, where it is said he has a brother, a cigar manufacturer.