

piece of quartz on both sides of one nugget in the middle of the guard, value £8 17s. 6d. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to Lewis Bradley, a diver and professional dancer. (See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 215.)

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 201.)

The old cast metal reported stolen from the reclaimed ground, Dunedin, the property of the City Tramway Company, has been recovered.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 212.)

STEALING five brass engine-fittings from the premises of Henderson, Law, and Co., Stafford Street, Dunedin: George Wah and Samuel McCarrigan have been arrested for this offence by Detective Michael James Geerin, Dunedin Police, and committed to Caversham Industrial School. Fittings not recovered.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 212.)

THE saddle reported stolen from off a horse at Okato, the property of David Edgington, has been recovered.

STOLEN between 4 p.m. on the 8th and 7 a.m. on the 9th instant, at Stratford, a coil of barbed fencing-wire; the property of George Capper; value £1 16s. Not identifiable.

STOLEN on the 30th ultimo, on board the steamer "Timaru," at Westport, an English silver lever hunting-watch, No. 237 or 247, the initials A. N. D. scratched on outside of case; the property of Joseph Bannin; value not stated. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to Alexander Boyd, Scotch, twenty-four years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, stout build, fair complexion, light hair, clean-shaved except small fair moustache; wore dark-tweed coat, grey-tweed trousers, and soft black-felt hat. Identifiable. Shipped on board the steamer "Koranui" for Wellington on the 8th instant.

STOLEN between the 28th September and the 15th ultimo, from a case consigned to Charles E. Penfold, Warner's Hotel, Christchurch, a black-twill morning-coat with silk sleeve lining, a vest of same material, a pair of cashmere trousers, a fine brown-twill morning-coat, vest, and trousers; a fine fancy-check morning-coat, vest, and trousers; a soft fine black morning-coat, vest, and trousers; four pairs of single-hole leather straps, and a pair of soft fine black trousers; makers, Price, Whittaker, and Co., 6, Suffolk Street, London; value £30 17s. It is supposed that the goods were stolen from the case before it was placed on board the steamer "Ruapohu," at London Docks, on the 28th September last.

Horse- and Cattle-Stealing.

JAMES MCKENZIE, *alias* McKay, is charged with stealing, in June last, at Waihao, Timaru District, a light-hack bay mare; the property of George Loper. Description: Supposed labourer, eighteen or nineteen years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, medium build, fair complexion and hair; wore a blue coat, grey-tweed trousers, and soft black-felt hat. Identification doubtful. The mare has been traced by the police to the possession of Charles Morrison, platelayer, North Waitaki, who purchased the animal from W. Allen.

SUPPOSED stolen between 5 p.m. on the 23rd and 6 a.m. on the 24th October last, from a paddock at Normanby, a thorough-bred bay gelding, hack-breed, eight years old, 14½ hands high, black points, a cut-mark on near knee, no brand; and a chestnut gelding, well-bred, hack-breed, ten years old, 13½ hands high, short tail, a few white hairs on nose, no brand; the property of George Hall; value £50. Identifiable.

SUPPOSED stolen on the night of the 27th ultimo, from the Northcote Road, Papanui, a bay gelding, five years old, white blaze on forehead, very hairy fetlocks, one hind fetlock white, value £40; and a dark-bay draught mare, aged, white blaze on forehead, one hind fetlock white, had a sore shoulder, value £30; the property of Joseph Veitch and Thomas McIlroy. Identifiable.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

HENRY GOODSON is charged, on warrant issued by the Palmerston North Bench, with disobeying an order to pay £1 per month towards the support of his illegitimate child, by Mary Mortensen, since the 1st June last. Description: A native of Australia, a horse-dealer, about twenty-eight years of age, 6 feet 1 or 2 inches high, medium build, sallow complexion, dark hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache. Identifiable. (See *Police Gazette*, 1884, pages 45 and 73.) Said to be employed curing bacon at Whakatane, Bay of Plenty.

JOHN LANGFORD, *alias* Black Jack, is charged, on warrant issued by the Wellington Bench, with deserting his wife, Ellen Langford, and five children, at Wellington, since about the 1st June last. (For description see *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 124.)

FREDERICK BORDMAN is charged on warrant of commitment to the Napier Gaol for six months' hard labour, issued by the Cambridge Bench, with disobeying an order, since the 18th January last, to pay 7s. per week towards the support of his illegitimate male child, and a further sum of £8, expenses attendant on its birth, together with £5 15s., costs of Court. Description: Supposed German, labourer, twenty-six years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, medium build, fair complexion, fair hair, whiskers, and moustache, husky voice, speaks English fluently; was employed until latterly driving the coach between Napier and Ohinemutu.

Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

JOHN SLATER is charged with deserting from Her Majesty's ship "Miranda," at Sydney, on the 21st October last. Description: A native of Leeds, York, private R.M.L.I., twenty years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, fresh complexion, light-brown hair, brown eyes. A reward of £3 is offered for his arrest, in addition to £5 reward offered by the Colonial Government.

Deserters from Merchant Vessels.

DAVID FRANKS, Peter Anderson, and John Colman are charged with deserting from the steamship "Kaikoura," at Port Chalmers, on the night of the 11th instant. Description: Franks is Irish, thirty-four years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, medium build, dark, fresh complexion, black hair and moustache, otherwise clean-shaved, dark eyes; Anderson is a Dane, twenty-four years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, stout build, florid complexion, dark hair, moustache, and side whiskers, dark eyes; Colman is Irish, a cook, thirty-two years of age, 6 feet 2 inches high, slight build, sallow complexion, dark hair, full dark beard, dark eyes.

DONALD McDONALD, John Tilly, and John McKenzie are charged with deserting from the ship "Waitangi," at Port Chalmers, on the night of the 14th instant. Description: McDonald is Scotch, thirty-five years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, medium build, fair complexion, very light-brown hair and moustache, cheeks shaved, grey eyes; Tilly is English, twenty-six years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, medium build, dark complexion, dark-brown hair and moustache, cheeks shaved, dark-blue eyes; McKenzie is Scotch, about twenty-eight years of age, 5 feet 9 inches high, medium build, fresh complexion, dark-brown hair, small brown moustache, cheeks shaved, knock-kneed. Identifiable.

Missing Friends.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 167.)

CHARLES J. LAIDLAY has written to the Post Office authorities at Blenheim, giving his address as "Cora Linn, West Coast Road, care of Mr. J. W. Bruce."

INFORMATION is requested respecting George Hayward, a West Indian native, a cook or house-painter, twenty-six years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, medium build, black complexion, Yankee beard; wore a dark-cloth coat, dark-striped tweed trousers and vest, and hard black-felt hat. He is inquired for at the instance of his wife, Margaret Hayward, whom he left destitute with one child at Masterton about the 1st instant. He arrived at Lyttelton in the ship "Boyne" from London.

INFORMATION is requested respecting William Henry Colston, a native of Gloucestershire, England, a seaman, thirty-two years of age, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, fair complexion, aquiline nose. He arrived at Lyttelton in the ship "Mereope" in 1874. In 1877 he left Christchurch and sailed in the "Rotorua" for Sydney, with the intention of joining the Sydney Mounted Police. He was last heard of by telegram from Sydney in the same year, stating he was very ill. He had with him a cattle-dog named "Joe."

INFORMATION is requested respecting John Crotty, who left Cape Town for New Zealand about the year 1863. Inquiry is made at the request of his sister, Mrs. Margaret Walsh, care of Rev. Thomas Meagher, Rondebosch Station, Cape Town.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 160.)

PETER STEWART MERCER, missing from Melbourne, has been traced to Bombay.