

a butcher. Description: A native of the colony, a butcher, stockman, &c., about twenty-eight years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches high, slight build, brown hair, clean-shaved except thin brown moustache, grey eyes, round face, slightly bow-legged and stooped, quiet manner. He is fond of working amongst horses, and was formerly a stockman for Mr. A. Buckland, of Auckland. His parents live in Parnell.

THOMAS THOMPSON is charged, on warrant issued by the Feilding Bench, with having, on the 19th instant, at Halcombe, uttered a forged cheque for £12 to James A. Riley. Description: A Dane, a labourer, about thirty-three years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, stout build, fair complexion, sandy beard whiskers and moustache; wore light-grey tweed suit and soft white hat; swaggering gait, speaks good English. The cheque is on the Bank of Australasia, Feilding, drawn in favour of offender, and purports to be signed by J. H. Murray, of Marton. He left Halcombe on the 21st instant by train for Marton.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 97, and 1885, page 56.)

THE warrant issued by the Wairoa Bench for the arrest of Herbert Joseph Williams, for embezzling a cheque for £170, the property of the Wairoa County Council, has been cancelled. Williams is still charged with forging the cheque.

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

JAMES ARMSTRONG is charged, on warrant issued by the Palmerston North Bench, with stealing, about the 3rd instant, from the shop of William Cox, at Palmerston North, a meerschaum pipe, since recovered, and about 1lb. of tobacco; value £1 1s. Description: Irish, a shoemaker, between thirty-five and forty years of age, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, slight build, brown beard whiskers and moustache, upper front teeth out; wore grey-tweed suit, blue soft felt hat, and lace-up boots; fond of drink. He is supposed to have gone to Woodville or Napier.

JOHN LEWIS is charged with stealing, on the 14th instant, from a dwelling at Woolston, a brown-tweed sac-coat, nearly new; the property of Morgan Evans; value 12s. Identifiable. Description: About seventeen years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, fair complexion, fair hair, long nose; wore brown-moleskin trousers, soft black-felt hat, and the stolen coat; has sore ankles, and is slightly lame. He is supposed to have gone towards Temuka. He was licensed from the Burnham Industrial School to Christopher O'Neill, from whose house the coat was stolen.

STOLEN on the 12th instant, from the shop of Humphry George Pitcher, at Hawera, an old silver Geneva lever hunting-watch, engraved on centre of back case, No. 6674, no maker's name; value £3. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 14th instant, from a bedroom in the Queen's Hotel, Wellington, two £1 notes, a half-sovereign, and a ladies' gold ring, buckle pattern, buckle broken off, "Regard" engraved on outside; the property of Lilian Bertha Skipper; value 10s. Ring identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 156.)

BREAKING into and stealing from the dwelling of John Moore, James Hadfield, and James Offan, at Dunedin; Edward Hughes has been arrested for this offence by Constable Hugh L. Z. Downey, Dunedin Police, and committed for trial.

STOLEN on the 4th instant, from the shop-window of Edwin Wilmott, Queen Street, Auckland, about 100 photographic views of Auckland, a large number of which were of the Beresford Street School; value £7 10s. Identifiable.

BETWEEN 6 p.m. on the 17th and 8 a.m. on the 18th instant the shop of Job Vile, at Masterton, was broken into, and the following property stolen: Twenty-six pocket-knives, single- and double-bladed, a packet of cigars, three packets of cigarettes, a number of wooden pipes, a cardboard case containing shirt-studs and sleeve-links, a bottle of ink, three sticks of tobacco, two boxes of figs, and a bar of scented soap; value £2 17s. 6d. Identification doubtful.

STOLEN on the 17th instant, from a bedroom in the Branch Hotel, Wellington, six sovereigns; the property of Maria Brooks.

STOLEN on the 18th instant, from the shop-door of Charles Johnston, McLaggan Street, Dunedin, a dark-green tweed-cloth single-breasted overcoat, with dark-striped lining, five cloth-buttons down front, three outside-pockets with flaps, and an inside breast-pocket; value £1 5s. Identification doubtful.

STOLEN on the 16th instant, from the dwelling of Maria McKechnie, Forth Street, Dunedin, eight sovereigns, 2s 6d. in silver, a gold brooch, dove-and-grape pattern, value £3; a pair of plain-gold earrings, value £2; a silver necklet, value £1; a gold necklet with gold locket attached, value £2; and two pairs of ladies' kid gloves, sizes 6½ and 7, value 8s. Identifiable except money.

STOLEN on the 21st ultimo, from the person of Joseph Moore, while drunk, at Auckland, a silver Geneva hunting-watch, makers the Albany Watch Company, No. 2077; value £2 10s. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 12th instant, from the shop-door of Avannah Pelly, Pitt Street, Auckland, a pair of ladies' kid and patent-leather lace-up boots, and a pair of gentlemen's lace-up boots, both sewn; value £1 10s. Identifiable.

On the 13th instant the dwelling of William Swinden, Parawai, Thames, was broken into, and the following stolen: A writing-desk containing a Post Office Savings-bank book, four three-penny pieces, a shilling in coppers, a box of "Rough on rats," a quartz specimen with gold visible, a maltese cross, and a bunch of keys; value £1 7s. 6d. The desk has since been found broken; it contained all the property except the money, quartz specimen, and box of "Rough on rats." Suspicion attached to Samuel Bowden. (For his description, &c., see *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 33.)

STOLEN on the 11th instant, from the whare of Richard Seymour, at Ararimu, Auckland District, an English silver lever open-face watch, considerably worn, very thick glass, maker's name and number not known, and a silver albert chain, small plain-link pattern; value £4. Identifiable. Maoris suspected.

BETWEEN 7 p.m. on the 18th and 8 a.m. on the 19th instant the warehouse of A. and T. Inglis, George Street, Dunedin, was broken into, and £2 6s. 6d. in silver stolen.

STOLEN on the 9th instant, from the shop-door of Thomas Jacobs, High Street, Christchurch, a pair of brown Mosgiel-tweed trousers and vest. Identifiable.

On the 24th or 25th instant the door of an unoccupied house in Boulcott Street, Wellington, the property of John Plimmer, was maliciously broken open, and damaged to the extent of 10s.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 156.)

STEALING a watch from a dwelling at North-East Valley, Dunedin: The complainant's name is John Jiffis, and not John Griffen as previously gazetted.

STOLEN on the 22nd instant, from the shop-door of George Heath, George Street, Dunedin, a pair of Oxford shoes, rivetted, French-calf uppers, size 6; value 11s. 6d. Identifiable.

BETWEEN 2 p.m. on the 1st and noon on the 5th instant the dwelling of Henry Robert Martin, Barewood Farm, Lauder, near St. Bathans, was broken into, and the following stolen: A double-barrel breech-loading gun, barrels loose in stock, value £8; an eight-day clock, set in bronze in the form of an anchor at top and bottom, round face, value £3 10s.; and a red-and-white striped woollen horse-cloth without hook, value £1 10s. Identifiable.

On the 23rd instant the dwelling of Angus Wilson, Victoria Street, Dunedin, was broken into, but nothing was stolen. Suspicion attached to a girl, name unknown, who was seen in the yard of the house. Description: About sixteen years of age, fresh complexion, stout build; dressed in black jacket, dark dress, and dark-straw hat. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 4th ultimo, from the shop-door of C. A. Green, Manchester Street South, Christchurch, about six brown and maroon coloured cravats; value 9s.

STOLEN on the 25th or 26th instant, from the bar of the Pier Hotel, Wellington, a swag consisting of a blue-striped bedtick, a blue blanket, a grey blanket, a grey woollen shirt, a blue-cotton shirt, a black sac-coat, a grey-tweed vest, two or three sets of boar's tusks, and a dictionary; the property of Joseph Condon; value £4. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 17th or 18th instant, from the store of James B. Steadman, Waikawa, Thames, three bottles of colonial wine, four frames of honey, and some potatoes and maize; value 13s. Three frames of the honey, the potatoes, and maize have since been recovered.