

the premises of George Howell, at the Maori Reserve, near Riverton, was discovered on fire, by which it was destroyed. Not insured. Damage estimated at £40. It is believed that the fire was maliciously caused. Honor Solomon, residing with her husband, a Maori, at the Maori Reserve, Riverton, suspected.

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

CHARLES JAMES HOLMES is charged, on warrant issued by the Rangiora Bench, with having, on the 15th November last, at Rangiora, obtained £1 from Lawson Ridley by false representations. Description: English, a cab-driver or shearer, twenty-six years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, about 11 stone weight, dark complexion, supposed clean-shaved; wore a dark coat, grey-tweed trousers, light-coloured hat, light boots; respectable appearance. Recently drove a cab for a Mr. Shepherd, Ferry Road, Christchurch. Identifiable. Supposed gone to Mount Parnassus Station, to seek employment as a shearer.

JEREMIAH HARNETT, *alias* O'Connor, is charged on warrant of commitment to Lawrence Gaol for fourteen days' labour, in default of paying a fine of £1 and costs £1 10s., for travelling in a railway carriage, at Balclutha, on the 8th ultimo, without paying his fare. Description: Irish, thirty-five years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, medium build, black hair, dark beard whiskers and moustache; dirty slovenly appearance; addicted to drink.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 200.)

THE warrant issued by the Te Awamutu Bench for the arrest of W. Mursell, for obtaining £2 10s. from James Devin by false pretences, has been cancelled.

ON the night of the 21st ultimo, in a paddock attached to the White Hart Hotel, Carterton, the mane and hair of the tail were maliciously cut off a horse, the property of Walter Bishop.

BETWEEN 5 p.m. on the 24th and 7 a.m. on the 25th ultimo, at Kaiapoi, a pair of leather cart-traces, the property of John Sims, were maliciously cut; amount of damage 10s.

BETWEEN 12.15 and 2 a.m. on the 1st instant a pane of glass in the window of G. E. Levien's hair-dressing saloon, Willis Street, Wellington, was maliciously broken; value £2 10s.

WALTER EDWARDS is charged with having obtained a pair of boots, value £1, and £9 in bank notes from Mrs. Mary Hitchell, at Glentunnel, on the 30th ultimo, by means of a valueless cheque for £10, drawn on the Bank of New Zealand, Christchurch. Description: Supposed English, but looks like a German or Swede, a carpenter, thirty years of age, about 5 feet 9 inches high, medium build, fair complexion, blue sunken eyes, fair hair, sandy beard whiskers and moustache; wore blue-cloth coat and vest, and tweed trousers and hat; respectable appearance; is fond of music and dancing, and can play a little on the cornet. He had been lately employed at Waireka Station, Coalgate. He left Glentunnel on the 30th ultimo by train for Christchurch, and had in his possession a white bag. Warrant to issue.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 199.)

JOHN HAMPTON, *alias* Munroe, charged on warrant with having uttered a forged cheque to Joseph Oram Shepherd, has been arrested by Constable Will Willoughby, Geraldine Police, remanded to Christchurch, and committed for trial.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 211.)

DAMAGING the Salvation Army Barracks at Oamaru: Walter Underwood, Norris Gibbs, and Patrick Slines were summoned for this offence, but the charge against them was withdrawn on their agreeing to pay the amount of damage and the costs incurred.

ON the morning of the 6th ultimo two panes of glass, value 5s., the property of the Government, were maliciously broken in a window of the police-station at Wyndham.

ROLAND S. WATERHOUSE is charged, on warrant issued by the Wellington Bench, with the larceny as a bailee, on the 16th ultimo, at Wellington, of two warrants or warehouse-keepers' certificates or orders for the delivery of seventy cases and a quarter-cask of whiskey; the property of Alexander Macdougall. Description: English, a merchant, about twenty-eight years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, medium build, erect gait, active appearance, fresh complexion, dark-brown hair, auburn whiskers and moustache, chin shaved; usually wears tweed suit and small hard black hat. He

was in business as a merchant in Wellington. He sold his business and absconded about the 29th ultimo. Two other warrants have been issued, also by the Wellington Bench, charging him with fraudulent conversion of the same property.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

A MAN, name unknown, is charged with stealing from the Lyttelton Hotel, at Lyttelton, on the 17th ultimo, a swag consisting of a white blanket, a small piece of white calico sewn on one of the corners, a pair of blucher boots, a pair of old grey-tweed trousers, a white towel, and a pair of blue dungarees; the property of Herbert Kirkham; value £1 10s. Identifiable. Description: Supposed Irish, labourer, about thirty years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, stout square build, fresh complexion, brown hair, clean-shaved except fair moustache and imperial; wore dark sac-coat, light trousers, and soft black-felt hat. Identifiable. Supposed gone to Christchurch.

STOLEN on the night of the 12th ultimo, from the person of James Lodder, while drunk, at Auckland, a nearly-new silver English lever hunting-watch, number not known, maker Settle Brothers, London; and a silver chain, one large and two small links alternately, each stamped G.S.; value £8. Identifiable.

ON the night of the 27th ultimo the dwelling of William Thompson, Upper Willis Street, Wellington, was broken into and a pair of blucher boots, value 5s. 11d., not identifiable, stolen.

STOLEN between 3 p.m. on the 12th and noon on the 14th ultimo, from the dwelling of Mary Pye, Queen Street, Auckland, a heavy silver band bracelet, 2 inches wide, chased; a silver bracelet, 1 inch wide, chased; a large round gold locket, with knobs on the outer edge, raised leaves on one side, and chased on the other; a gold necklet, small-link pattern; a pair of small gold earrings, drop shape, with small leaves on top; and a small round silver locket, chased on one side and plain on the other; value £7 10s. Identifiable.

BETWEEN 5 p.m. on the 19th and 8 a.m. on the 20th ultimo a house on the premises of Margaret Muir, Moray Place, Dunedin, was broken into, and the following stolen: Eight keys of common door-locks and seven keys of mortise door-locks, value £1 10s., not identifiable; a carpenter's claw-hammer and a tomahawk, value 5s., identifiable.

STOLEN on the 20th ultimo, from the Clarendon Hotel, MacLaggan Street, Dunedin, a brown-check ulster, with six black-bone buttons, two outside pockets, not much worn; the property of William Thomas Hubbard; value £2. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 16th ultimo, from the shop of Alfred Herman, Revell Street, Hokitika, a silver English lever hunting-watch, maker Ehrhardt, London, number not known. Identification doubtful. Suspicion attached to James Hartley. (See *Police Gazette*, 1882, page 193, and 1884, page 40.)

STOLEN on the 10th ultimo, from the dwelling of Peter Nelson, Esk Street, Invercargill, 15s. in silver. Not identifiable.

STOLEN on the 14th ultimo, from Patrick Hurley's hotel, Patea, three flasks of brandy, branded "Vineyard Society," had a small glass inverted over the cork; and a flask of whiskey, branded "Lockaber;" value 9s. Identification doubtful. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, supposed Scotch, a swagman, about thirty-five years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, fair complexion, light-brown hair, red moustache, and small red whiskers; wore a black sac-coat, soft black-felt hat, and grey trousers. Sock visible through the toe of his right boot, which was cut away. Went in the direction of Waverley.

STOLEN on the 14th ultimo, from the dwelling of Thomas Ward, Ross, Westland, an electro-plated dinner-fork, dessert-fork, tablespoon, dessertspoon, and teaspoon, identifiable; and 19s. in silver, not identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 211.)

STEALING a watch and chain from the person of Joseph Hewson, on the 25th November last: Henry Titschall has been arrested for this offence by Detective Alexander Henderson, Dunedin Police, and sentenced to three months' labour. The watch and chain have been recovered, and traced to offender's possession.