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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.

ABOUT 1 o'clock on the morning of the 27th January last, at New Plymouth, a schoolhouse lately used for the storage of school furniture was discovered on fire, and was, with contents, destroyed. A quantity of chips and shavings were seen on fire under the building. The fire extended to the residence of the teacher, which was unoccupied at the time, which was also destroyed. Both buildings were the property of the Government. At an inquest held on the 12th ultimo to inquire as to the cause of the origin of the fire a verdict of incendiarism was returned against some person unknown.

ABOUT 9 p.m. on the 27th January last, at Kupata Native Settlement, near the Thames, a wooden house, value £12, the property of Te Koki, was, with contents, destroyed by fire. The house contained five £1 notes, clothing, saddlery, two old guns, about 105lb. gunpowder, a number of cartridges, &c. At an inquest held on the 14th ultimo to inquire as to the cause of the origin of the fire the following verdict was returned: "That Te Koki's house at Kupata was burned on the 27th January, 1885, and that we believe it was done intentionally, but there is no evidence to connect any individual with the origin of the fire."

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

BETWEEN the 14th and 16th ultimo, at the Bowen Pier, Port Chalmers, two tarpaulins, the property of the Government, were maliciously cut and damaged to the extent of £4.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 17.)

THE WARRANT issued by the Auckland Bench for the arrest of Harry Austin Revell, for uttering a forged promissory-note to Samuel Cohen, has been cancelled.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 25.)

RICHARD HACKETT, charged on warrant with having uttered a forged cheque to Frederick Gaudin, at Hamilton East, has been arrested by Constable Murray, Hamilton Police, and committed for trial.

MICHAEL SKERRY is charged, on warrant issued by the Auckland Bench, with having, on the 14th January last, at Dargaville, obtained £2 from William Joseph Ralph by false pretences. Description: Irish, a labourer, about fifty-six years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, slight build, sallow complexion, grey hair beard whiskers and moustache; dressed in blue-serge suit and black hard felt hat; has been in the 40th Regiment, and served in the Maori war.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 25.)

EDWIN JARVIS, charged on warrant with embezzling money, the property of Henry Robert Clark, has been arrested by Detective Terence O'Brien, Oamaru Police, and remanded to Dunedin.

BETWEEN 6 p.m. on the 11th and 10 a.m. on the 12th ultimo a number of potato-stalks were maliciously pulled out of the ground in the garden of David Milne, at Wyndham.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1882, pages 73 and 91.)

JOHN CHRISTOPHER CUFF, charged on warrant with uttering a forged promissory-note for £110 17s. to John Orson McArdell, at Invercargill, was arrested at Waiau, on the 25th ultimo, but he escaped from the custody of Thomas Whitty, at Waiau, on the following morning. He was employed at the Upper Waiau Ferry Hotel for about two years, and went under the name of Robert Taylor. He was in Westland before coming to Waiau, and may try to get back there across the ranges.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 9.)

EDWARD LLOYD, *alias* Averillo, charged with stealing money, &c., from the person of Jeremiah McHugh, has been arrested by Detective James J. Tuohy, Auckland Police, and discharged.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 165.)

EDWARD LLOYD, *alias* Averillo, charged on warrant with stealing a watch from the shop of Andrew Heavy, has been arrested by Detective Edward Hughes, Auckland Police.

BETWEEN 6.30 and 8.30 p.m. on the 19th ultimo the dwelling of Hebe King, Antigua Street, Christchurch, was broken into and the following stolen: A mahogany box, about 8 inches long, 4 inches broad, and 5 inches deep, mounted with brass on each corner, and a brass plate in centre of lid, key broken in lock, containing a ladies' long colonial-gold chain, a gold eyeglass, a large gold locket with blue enamel, containing a little girl's likeness, attached to chain; a colonial-gold oval brooch, leaf pattern, in red-morocco case, containing the likenesses of a lady and gentleman; a pair of colonial-gold earrings with two gold tassels to each, in brown-morocco case; a colonial-gold brooch set with red stones, a lock of hair in back, in small morocco case; a pair of ladies' gold sleeve-links; two fancy dress