



# NEW ZEALAND POLICE GAZETTE.

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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.

BETWEEN 9.30 and 10.30 p.m. on the 19th ultimo, at Charlton, near Gore, a barn, the property of Hugh McLean and John Fraser, containing oats, wheat, saddlery, &c., value over £300, was maliciously set on fire. The barn and contents were destroyed, except about 100 bags of the oats, which were removed from the building during the progress of the fire. The property was not insured.

BETWEEN 10 p.m. on the 18th and 12.45 a.m. on the 19th ultimo, at Tua Marina, near Picton, a stack of grass-hay and two stacks of oaten hay, the property of Matthew Doyle, value about £43, were maliciously set on fire, by which they were destroyed. The stacks were insured in the Royal Office for £40.

### Offences Not Otherwise Described.

A MAN named Spiers is charged with having obtained, on the 22nd ultimo, at Wellington, a silver lever hunting-watch, No. 13571, value £5, from W. Littlejohn, by false pretences. Description: About twenty years of age, short stoutish build, dark complexion, short dark moustache. He said he was going to Masterton by the 4.25 p.m. train on the 22nd ultimo. No warrant issued in this case.

JONATHAN RANKIN HENDERSON is charged, on warrant issued by the Dunedin Bench, with having, on or about the 6th March last, at Toiro, embezzled £9 14s. 9d., the property of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. Description: A native of the colony, an insurance agent, thirty years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, slight build, sallow complexion, black hair, slight black beard and moustache; usually wears dark sac-coat, dark trousers and vest, and black hat. He is supposed to have gone to Balclutha or Mosgiel. Other charges are to be preferred against him.

On the morning of the 19th instant two panes of glass, value £1 10s., were maliciously broken in the bar-window of the Victoria Hotel, Abel Smith Street, Wellington; the property of Frederick Cooper.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 147, and 1886, page 71.)

— ATTREE, charged on warrant with having unlawfully pawned a watch and chain, the property of Frank Waller, has been arrested by Constable Patrick Herbert, Auckland Police. His name is Frederick Attree.

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

STOLEN on the 27th ultimo, from a bedroom in the Wellington Hotel, Christchurch, two £5 notes and eight £1 notes; the property of Arnold Sturm. Suspicion attached to John Anderson Hunter, alias Anderson, Scotch, a labourer, fifty-two years of age, 5ft. 7in. or 8in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, hazel eyes, dark hair turning grey, bald. (See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 86.) He occupied the next room to complainant, and, when spoken to about the theft, gave him a £1 note, and then left the hotel, and has not since been seen in Christchurch.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 86.)

THE silver Geneva watch, the property of William Stout, reported lost or stolen at the Volunteer encampment, Oamaru, has been recovered; it was not stolen.

On the 6th or 7th instant the shop of G. Smyth, at Ashburton, was broken into, and the following stolen: Three meerschaum pipes, value 5s. each; three cherry-wood pipes, value 1s. 6d. each; a small cash-box, value 1s. 6d.; and two brass window-fasteners, value 1s. 6d. Identifiable.

STOLEN during the night of the 4th instant, from the person of William Millen, while drunk, at Cambridge, a silver lever hunting Waltham watch, No. 1228293, "A. W. & Co., Broadway" on movements, a large silver chain attached; value £5. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 6th instant from a tent at the railway-camp, Te Awamutu, a pair of Kaiapoi-tweed trousers, bluish colour, and a pocketbook containing 14s. 7d. and some photographs; all value £2; the property of Arthur Brooking. Trousers and photographs identifiable. Suspicion attached to a man named Carter, a labourer, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, rather stout build, fair beard whiskers and moustache, peculiar expression of countenance, squints slightly with both eyes. He left Te Awamutu on the 7th instant for Hamilton.

BETWEEN 11 p.m. on the 1st and 9 a.m. on the 2nd instant the public hall at Waorongomai, near Te Aroha, was broken into, and the following stolen: Five pairs of white blankets with blue borders, value £5 15s.; a pair of grey blankets with red border, value 17s. 6d.; twelve cotton shirts, various patterns, value £1 10s.; a piece of brown cashmere, a piece of black cashmere, a piece of blue cashmere, and a piece of slate-coloured cashmere, between 30 and 40 yards in each piece, value £14; 30 yards black-dress material, 30 yards brown-dress material, and 15 yards of shady-colour dress material, value £2 8s. 9d.; two pieces of brown satin, about 5 yards in each piece, value £1 10s.; twelve