

STOLEN on the 12th or 13th April last, at Mangorei, Taranaki District, one and a half coils of two-strand barbed wire, 1½cwt. weight, ACME and TIMARU painted on spools; the property of Jessie Petric; value £2. Identification doubtful.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 97.)

THE harrows and swing-bar, the property of Samuel McLees, reported stolen at Wairoa, have been recovered.

STOLEN on the 16th ultimo, from an outhouse at Cambridge, an old saddle, off knee-pad off, old rusty stirrup-irons; the property of William Madigan; value £1. Identifiable.

STOLEN supposed between the 16th and 19th ultimo, from the premises of John Myles, Hastings, Hawke's Bay District, twenty-three saucers, twenty-nine mugs, twelve tea-cups, twelve egg-cups, two long china candlesticks, and twenty-three china bedroom-candlesticks; value £2 17s. 2d. The property has since been found concealed in a hedge, about a quarter of a mile from Mr. Myles's premises.

STOLEN on the 27th or 28th April last, from a stable at Waitara, a single-rein bridle with iron bit, cheek-bars bent, value 4s.; and a pair of silver-plated stirrup-irons, cracked at lower part of stirrup-leather hole, value 10s.; the property of James Attridge Connell. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to Timata Roma, a Maori, a stable-boy, seventeen years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, dark hair and moustache; wears blue-serge coat, moleskin trousers, and black billycock hat.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 79.)

THE watch and chain, the property of Thomas Norris, stolen from a cabin of the barque "G. M. Tucker," at Lyttelton, have been recovered, and traced to the possession of George Millar, alias Charles Miller, alias Duffy, arrested by Detective Maurice O'Connor, Christchurch Police, and sentenced to six months' labour. He was also sentenced to fifteen months' labour on five other charges of larceny.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 87.)

THE watch, the property of William Stirling, stolen from the cabin of the ketch "Owake Belle," at Dunedin, has been recovered, and traced to the possession of George Prescott, arrested by Constable Bernard McLaughlin, Dunedin Police, and sentenced to one month's labour.

STOLEN on the 17th or 18th ultimo, from off a load of hay, at Remuera, near Auckland, a strong canvas cover, 18ft. by 23ft., rather dirty, six holes cut with a knife at sides; the property of George Totty; value £3. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 97.)

THE bag containing money-orders, &c., the property of David Murchie, supposed stolen from off a horse at Makaraka, has with contents been recovered. It was found concealed in a hedge near where it was taken off the horse.

STOLEN between the 26th April last and the 11th ultimo, from a box at St. John's railway-platform, Wanganui, a nearly-new pair of white blankets, stained, and overcast with red wool; a nearly-new pair of men's kid shoes, size 6, heel- and toe-plates; two nearly-new brown-and-white striped crimean shirts; a dark-crimean shirt, a set of shoe-brushes, nearly new, LAL cut in back of each; a greenish-coloured carpet-bag, nearly new, containing a new blue cardigan jacket with a small hole in back below collar, several old shirts and singlets, a memorandum-book, several receipts, and a soiled white shirt wrapped in brown paper; the property of Leonard Alexander Langley; value £6 10s. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 19th or 20th ultimo, from a building in course of erection in Queen Street, Onehunga, a carpenter's kit, containing three squares, a bevel, three 2-foot rules, a spirit-level, a rip-saw, a crosscut hand-saw, a jack-plane, a smoothing-plane, nine chisels, a brace and nineteen bits, two hammers, an oilstone set in wood, five files, two gimlets, a tenon-saw, two screwdrivers, and a double gauge; the property of Andrew Cunningham and James Pearce; value £6. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, who asked for employment at the building. Description: About fifty years of age, dark-brown hair, full beard turning grey; wore shabby drab clothes and dark soft felt hat. He may be identical with John Brady. (See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 45.)

STOLEN on the 18th or 19th ultimo, from a blacksmith's shop at Collarbone Spur, Thames, four steel drills, 3ft. long, W cut in centre of each; two one-pointed pickaxes, a blacksmith's tongs, a pair of canvas trousers, and twenty-three 1lb. packets of candles marked "Union Oil, Soap, and Candle Co., Limited;" the property of Henry Angove and party; value £2. Drills and trousers identifiable.

STOLEN between the 22nd and 25th ultimo, from a shed at Tataraimaka, Taranaki District, a bag containing 75lb. of cocksfoot and timothy grass-seeds, bag marked NK in black paint; the property of Henry Okey; value £1 7s. 6d. Bag identifiable.

STOLEN on the 22nd or 23rd ultimo, from a paddock off Cameron Street, New Plymouth, a wooden wheelbarrow, painted brown, iron tire on wheel; the property of Francis Peacock Corkill; value £1 5s. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 31st ultimo, from the stable of John Lane, Pipitea Point, Wellington, a saddle, about a year in use, iron stirrup-irons, rusty, and a red and white girth; value £2. Identifiable.

STOLEN about the 2nd instant, from a wash-house at Clifton Terrace, Wellington, a brown-cotton dress with white spots, the property of Sarah Beirne, value 10s.; and a blue-cotton dress with white, green, and red spots, the property of Mary Ann Walker, value 7s. 6d. Identifiable.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 87.)

THE mare, the property of Thomas Clarke, supposed stolen from Waitotahi Creek, Thames, has been found dead in a tunnel.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 97.)

THE cow, the property of George Moran, reported stolen at Anderston, near Dunedin, has been recovered.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1883, page 103, and 1884, page 58.)

FREDERICK THOMPSON, alias Willy Thompson, charged on warrant with stealing a horse, saddle, and bridle, at Ashburton, the property of James Wright McRae, has been arrested by Constable Robert Neill, Christchurch Police, and remanded to Ashburton.

SUPPOSED stolen between the 24th and 28th ultimo, from Small Farms, Pahautanui, a light-draught black mare, aged, about 15½ hands high, white face, hind legs white nearly up to houghs, a little white on one of fore fetlocks, stake-mark on near ribs, unbranded; the property of William Taylor; value £20. Identifiable.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 43, and 1886, page 71.)

DAVID SAMPSON, charged on warrant with disobeying an order to pay for the support of his illegitimate child, has been arrested by Constable John Hayes, Addington Police, and ordered to pay 4s. 6d. per week towards the child's support.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1885, page 58.)

JOSEPH VINCENT, charged on warrant with failing to provide his child with adequate means of support, surrendered to Constable James Dale, Dunedin Police, and has been remanded to Timaru.

ROBERT MURDOCH is charged, on warrant issued by the Te Awamutu Bench, with disobeying an order, since the 20th ultimo, to pay 7s. per week towards the support of his illegitimate child by Emily Winter, and £6 13s. costs, and to find two sureties in £25 each that he complies with the order, or in default six months' imprisonment. Description: A native of Tyrone, Ireland, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, stout build, very dark complexion, full dark beard whiskers and moustache. He is supposed to have gone to Sydney.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 98.)

MARTIN SALES, charged on warrant with deserting his child, at Linwood, near Christchurch, has been arrested by Acting-Sergeant Daniel Hannan, Stafford Police, and ordered to pay 6s. per week towards the child's support.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 88.)

WILLIAM SOUTHGATE, alias Harry Wicks, charged on warrant with deserting his wife and children, has been arrested by Constable Bernard McLaughlin, Dunedin Police, and remanded to Lyttelton.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN is charged, on warrant issued by the Christchurch Bench, with deserting his wife and three children at Willow Bank, Sydenham, since the 5th April last. Description: A native of Armagh, Ireland, a gardener, (height or age not stated), medium build, fresh complexion, grey eyes, dark hair, full dark beard, small round head, round features, large forehead and mouth, straight nose, a space between two upper front teeth; dressed in dark-tweed paget-coat and light-tweed trousers and vest. His wife and children are quite destitute.