

Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

STOLEN on the 20th or 21st ultimo, at Woodend, Christchurch District, a hand-saw, has been cut down and resharpened; a lin. auger; a brace and three or four bits, the largest of which is about $\frac{3}{4}$ in.; a new square; a screw-wrench, one end like a hammer, with handle made out of an old adze-handle; a pair of compasses; a pair of zinc scissors with top off one of points; a jack-plane and a trying-plane, both branded HG; a chisel rounded at corners; a new broom, black whale-bone in centre and white cane on outside, an old hoe-handle for a handle, fastened with a screw; a new brown carriage foot-rug with red border; six cornsacks; and an old rusty milk-pan; the property of the Hon. H. B. Gresson; value £4 10s. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 14th ultimo, at Waimangaroa, near Westport, a letter addressed to C. Smith, draper, Wellington, containing a cheque for £50 on the Bank of New South Wales, Westport, drawn by William Judd in favour of C. Smith. On the 14th ultimo Judd gave the letter containing the cheque to somebody at Waimangaroa Railway-station who was going to Westport to post for him there, but he can not now remember to whom he gave it. On the 21st ultimo a man who gave his name as C. W. Smith, mining engineer, Reefton, but whose real name is supposed to be Fritz Hahn, presented the cheque at Beath and Co.'s draper's shop, Nelson, in payment for clothing, value £13 2s., which he purchased, and received £6 18s. in cash and an IOU for £30, payable by G. L. Beath and Co. Description: About twenty-five years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, slight build, dark complexion, dark hair, no beard or whiskers, very slight moustache; wore a very dark-brown-tweed suit, brown-and-black mixture, single-breasted overcoat, and black soft felt slouch hat. Identifiable. He left Nelson on the 26th ultimo by the steamer "Hawea," under the name of Wood, for Taranaki, where he landed, saying that he was going overland to Tauranga. The IOU has not been presented for payment.

STOLEN on the 6th instant, from an unoccupied house in King Street, Dunedin, a double-breasted dark-blue overcoat, lined with italian cloth, no lining in sleeves, four flexible buttons on each side; the property of Adolpha Bernard; value £1. Identifiable.

SUPPOSED stolen on the 15th ultimo, at Invercargill, a black-and-white collie dog, about eight months old, scald-mark on back, answers to the name of "Punch;" the property of John Naires. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 24th ultimo, from the verandah of the residence of Frederick Day Funston, Lichfield Street, Christchurch, a nearly-new cocoanut door-mat, about 2ft. long by 1ft. 9in. broad, red border; value 7s. 6d. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 161.)

THE umbrella, the property of Joshua Heard, stolen at Taranaki Street, has been recovered by Detective William L. Chrystal, Wellington Police, and traced to the possession of Christiana Lawson, who was charged with the offence, but was discharged.

STOLEN on the 31st ultimo or 1st instant, at Patea, a rip-saw, about 3ft. long, three round punch-marks in handle, a small piece broken off handle; the property of James Irwin; value 7s. 6d. Identifiable.

STOLEN between the 14th and 17th ultimo, from the premises of Thomas Woods, Mary Hill Terrace, Mornington, near Dunedin, a wire cage, about 26in. square, painted brown, wooden back; value 12s. Identifiable.

STOLEN between the 28th and 31st ultimo, at Orakei Road, Remuera, Auckland District, a saddle with check lining, new knee-pads, old stirrup-leathers, one of them mended in two places, large heavy rusty stirrup-irons, and two white girths, value £1 10s.; a bridle with single headstall, two reins, snaffle-bit, fancy black-and-white forehead-band, and martingale with rings for reins, value £1; and an old single-rein bridle with rusty snaffle-bit and red forehead-band, value 5s.; the property of John B. Bull. Identifiable.

STOLEN about the 5th instant, from the biscuit factory of Messrs Howden Brothers, Farish Street, Wellington, 7lb. of cocoanut candy; value 5s.

STOLEN on the 8th instant, from the clothes-line of Joshua Charlesworth, Thorndon Quay, Wellington, two new sheets, large size. Identifiable.

STOLEN about the 6th ultimo, from the railway-siding at Pomahaka, near Tapanui, a coil of No. 8 fencing-wire; the property of John Gibson; value 13s.

STOLEN about the 29th ultimo, from the railway-siding at Pomahaka, near Tapanui, a bag marked RS over W, containing 70lb. of rape-seed, some grass-seeds, and various kinds of garden-seeds; the property of Robert Simmers; value about £1 15s. Bag identifiable.

STOLEN on the 26th ultimo, from off a horse at Christchurch, an old saddle, pigskin seat, near knee-pad very much torn, new split leather girth, stirrup-leathers mended; the property of William Rossiter; value £3. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 4th instant, from off a post, at the Octagon, Dunedin, a dark-tweed sac-coat with white thread through material, about half worn, in one of the pockets of which were a pair of men's black-kid gloves; the property of John Anderson; value 15s. Identifiable.

STOLEN between the 18th ultimo and 7th instant, at Mount Cook Barracks, Wellington, a nearly-new silver lever American hunting-watch, No. 2088011, value £5 5s., a small silver albert chain, a small steel watch-key, and a very large diagonal-pattern cloth vest; value £1 10s.; the property of Francis Moorhouse. Identifiable.

STOLEN between the 5th and 8th instant, at Putiki, near Wanganui, an old saddle, worn through on near knee-pad, torn and ripped on off flap, lining torn, one stirrup-leather nearly new, the other old, round rusty irons, a common striped-cotton girth; a single-rein snaffle-bridle with plated buckles, buckle at end of reins off, and the reins knotted together, well worn; the property of George McKay; value £1 10s. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 31st July last, from the railway-platform, Pahihi, near Orepuki, a parcel containing a large knitted petticoat with three scarlet stripes and three black stripes, a smoked fish, a tin of salmon, and a copy of the *Sydney News* with illustrations of miners *en route* to Kimberley; the property of David Bonthron; value £1. Petticoat identifiable.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

SUPPOSED stolen between the 22nd and 23rd May last, from a paddock at Palmerston North, a bay gelding, hack-breed, aged, about 15 hands high, star on forehead, a white snip on nose, branded X on near shoulder; the property of Sarah A. E. Cooper; value £20. Identifiable.

On the 26th ultimo four Maoris were found killing two sheep, value £2, at Rotorua, the property of Tanner Brothers, with intent to steal the carcases. The offenders, when detected, ran into a bush in the direction of Horohoro, leaving two guns behind them, which are now in possession of the Rotorua Police. Samuel Tanner, who caught the offenders killing the sheep, is of opinion that he could identify one of them.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

JAMES ERNEST LOVE is charged, on warrant issued by the Wellington Bench, with disobeying an order to pay 10s. per week towards the support of his child. Description: A native of Wellington, a navy, twenty-one years of age, about 5ft. 9in. high, dark complexion, black curly hair, clean-shaved except small black moustache, smart active appearance; generally wears dark clothes and hard black-felt hat worn on right side of head; fond of the society of women. He is sometimes employed driving a horse and cart, or a horse and express. He was £13 6s. in arrears on the 18th ultimo. He is also charged, on warrant issued by the Wellington Bench, with deserting his wife.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 154.)

RICHARD WHEELER, alias Daniel Thomas Richard Wheeler, charged on warrant with disobeying an order to pay 10s. per week towards the support of his children, is a native of Victoria.

WILLIAM BROOKS is charged on warrant of commitment to Lyttelton Gaol for six weeks' labour, issued by the Christchurch Bench, in default of paying £26 14s., fine and costs, for illegally catching trout in the Selwyn River on the 25th January last. Description: English, a fisherman, about fifty years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, medium build, dark complexion, brown eyes, dark hair tinged with grey, dark beard whiskers and moustache, a small scar on right cheek and on left eyebrow; usually wears dark-tweed suit. (See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 69.)

HUGH STOREY is charged on warrant of commitment to Auckland Gaol for three months, issued by the Auckland Bench, in default of entering into a recognizance in the sum of £50, and finding two sureties in the sum of £25 each, to