

fair complexion, fair hair, no hair on face; a recent arrival from Home. He left for Auckland or Onchunga on the 1st instant.

ANDREW BRETT is charged, on warrant issued by the Lawrence Bench, with uttering a forged cheque for £1 to Jonas Harrop, at Lawrence, on the 31st ultimo. Description: Supposed a German, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, medium build, fair hair, fair sandy beard whiskers and moustache, beard and whiskers clipped short; dressed in light-tweed sac-suit and light-tweed hat; speaks with a slight foreign accent. He is no doubt identical with Andrew Brett, *alias* Fredricson, *alias* Petersen, *alias* Semb, charged with uttering a forged cheque to Mrs. Breeze, at Waimera. The cheque is drawn on the Colonial Bank, Lawrence, and purports to be signed by James Smith and Son, Greenfield Station, where offender was recently employed for a short time.

On the 29th ultimo, at Aratapu, North Wairoa, Bay of Islands District, the testicles were maliciously cut out of a dog, value £50, the property of John Neild.

ABOUT the 29th ultimo a forged cheque for £6 8s. was uttered by a man, name unknown, of whom no description can be obtained, to Messrs. Taylor and Papps, grocers, High Street, Christchurch, in payment for goods, and received the balance in cash. The cheque is on the Bank of New Zealand, Kaiapoi, and purports to be drawn by Thomas Dickenly in favour of Fred. Lange. No such persons are known at Kaiapoi.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

AN FUN is charged, on warrant issued by the Dunedin Bench, with stealing, on the 29th ultimo, from the pawnbroker's shop of Abigail Isaacs, MacLaggan Street, Dunedin, a pair of dark-grey tweed-trousers, value 10s., since recovered. Description: A Chinaman, about twenty-eight years of age, 5ft. 3in. high, slight build, black hair, long pigtail, no hair on face, pale complexion; dressed in dark sac-coat, dark-grey trousers and vest, and black soft-felt hat. Identifiable. He left Dunedin on the 3rd instant, and is supposed to have gone up country.

BETWEEN 8 a.m. on the 27th and 8 a.m. on the 28th ultimo the store of George Applegate, Okaiawa, Taranaki District, was broken into, and an envelope containing about £1 worth of shillings and sixpenny stamps stolen. Envelope identifiable. Suspicion attached to a Maori, name unknown, about twenty years of age, about 5ft 8in. or 9in. high, medium build, little if any hair on his face; dressed in dark coat, very much torn about the sleeves, brown trousers, and drab felt-hat with crape round it; speaks broken English. Identifiable. He is charged, on warrant issued by the Hawera Bench, with wilfully breaking a pane of glass, value 15s., in one of the store-windows.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1888, page 93.)

BREAKING into and stealing from the dwelling of Neil Henderson, Waikaiti Flat: Albert Edward Mawer and Henry Treen, arrested by Constable Thomas Griffith, Lumsden Police, were charged with this offence, but the charge was dismissed on account of complainant declining to swear that anything was stolen from his dwelling. Both men were committed for trial on two other charges of housebreaking.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1888, page 90.)

STEALING from the hut of Arthur William Dutton, St. Andrew, near Waimate: All the stolen property except the gold guard has been recovered. It was found secreted in a hedge near St. Andrew. Suspicion attached to Thomas Halpin, *alias* Thomas Andrew Alpine, who was seen in the locality at the time the offence was committed. (For his description, &c., see *Police Gazette*, 1884, page 186.)

(See *Police Gazette*, 1888, page 108.)

STEALING a coppersack, containing clothing, &c., the property of Robert Sutherland, from the Railway Hotel, Invercargill. The sack, containing one pair of the new boots, the pair of old boots, the moleskin trousers, the hat, a packet of boot-preservers, and two pairs of slippers, was found, on the 25th ultimo, under a hay-stack in the Park Reserve, Invercargill.

BETWEEN 11.30 p.m. on the 6th and 6 a.m. on the 7th instant the Victoria Hotel, Abel Smith Street, Wellington, was burglariously entered, and the following stolen: Five bottles of Hennessy's brandy and a bottle of gin, value £2 1s. 6d.; 12s. in silver, and 8s. 1½d. in coppers; the property of Alexander Smith.

STOLEN on the 23rd ultimo, from the store of William Flavell, Innumia, Whangaroa, a very large silver Waltham

watch, case flowered, gold hinges, ketch to regulate hands, no glass, number not known, value £6; and a large gold chain, four-plat bar, 2in. drop, value £8. Identifiable.

STOLEN on the 7th instant, from the Leviathan Temperance Hotel, Cumberland Street, Dunedin, a rather long grey-check tweed overcoat with cape, a strap of similar material on left side of collar, dark-check lining, value £8; there was a pair of brown-kid gloves, value 3s., in one of the pockets; the property of Charles Mitchelson. Identifiable.

BETWEEN 11.50 p.m. on the 16th and 8.30 a.m. on the 17th instant, the railway-station, Petone, near Wellington, was broken into, and the following stolen: An iron-safe containing about £90 in notes, gold, silver, and coppers, a cheque for £2 1s. 4d., drawn by R. Brown in favour of the New Zealand Government Insurance Department or bearer; about forty-five postal notes for the sum of £17, for various amounts from 1s. to £1; about £7 worth of postage-stamps, value from ½d. to 1s.; a post-office savings-bank book, No. 25611, issued at Featherston to G. W. Bennett; a post-office savings-bank book, No. 43292, issued at Petone to T. F. Bennett; and a cylindrical wooden case, about 15in. long by 3in. in diameter, supposed made of kauri-timber, not painted, for holding stamps, &c.; the property of the Government. Identifiable except the money. The safe was found on the morning of the 17th instant in a paddock about half a mile from the railway-station, broken open, and the contents missing, except a sovereign, £1 4s. in silver, 1s. 8d. in coppers, and 10s. worth of stamps. A large sledge-hammer was found at the place, with which the safe was broken open. A hand-truck, which was taken from the railway-station, was also found at the place, in which, no doubt, the safe was conveyed to where found.

STOLEN on the 30th ultimo, from the shop of Gordon Matheson, Laurence Street, Mornington, Dunedin, a gold shield-pin with diamond in centre; value £5. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, who was in the shop on that day. Description: Supposed English, a hawker, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 7in. or 8in. high, dark hair and whiskers; wore dark-check clothes and dark-check hat.

STOLEN on the 6th instant, from the dwelling of Thomas Johnstone, Woolcombe's Gully, near Timaru, a nearly-new brown-coloured accordion with ten keys, black-leather strap handles lined with red leather, nickel-plate ornaments at corners, well finished, and fastens with two brass slides, both considerably bent; value £1 10s. Identifiable.

STOLEN between the 24th ultimo and 6th instant, from the dwelling of John H. Hawkins, Opuia, Bay of Islands, a jewt of kauri-gum, a boat-rudder painted white, a brass ornamented rudder-yoke, two paint-brushes, a tin dish, five kauri-planks, 6 by 2, 1½ft. long, a kauri spar and sail-sprit 12ft. long; value £2 2s. 6d. Identifiable except the gum.

THREE men, names unknown, supposed labourers, are charged with attempting to rob Basil Latham and Albert Gough, with violence, about 9.30 p.m. on the 16th instant, on the Masterton and Carterton Road. Description: First, about forty years of age, about 5ft. 10in. high, long thin features, full dark beard whiskers and moustache; wore dark overcoat and trousers, and dark slouched hat. Second, about twenty-seven years of age, about 6ft. high, stout build, clean-shaved except dark moustache; wore dark suit and dark broad brimmed hat. Third, about thirty-six years of age, about 5ft. 6in. or 7in. high, stoutish build, bushy beard; wore dark-tweed coat and vest, white or light-coloured mole-skin trousers, and dark slouched hat. Identification doubtful. Complainants were riding in company towards Masterton, and when passing a clump of trees the offenders ran from under the trees in front of their horses, ordering them to stop; two of them caught hold of Latham and his horse, and endeavoured to unseat him, but he succeeded in making his escape from them, accompanied by Gough. Mr. Latham, who carries on butchering business, &c., at Waingata, is in the habit of bringing large sums of money into Masterton on Saturdays, and had a considerable amount in his possession at the time.

Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1887, page 171, and 1888, page 113.)

DANIEL TIDEX, charged on warrant with stealing money, &c., at Swanson, the property of James Patterson Sinclair, has been arrested by Constable John Ryan, Danvirke Police, and remanded to Auckland.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1886, page 171.)

STEALING a letter containing a cheque for £50, the property of William Judd: C. W. Smith, who presented the stolen