

(See *Police Gazette*, 1887, page 181, and 1888, page 227.)

ARREST of John Hunter, alias Edward Howard Chitty Plowden, &c., for larceny as a bailee: For "Constable Alfred Morton Moon, Masterton Police," read "Constable Alfred Morton Moon, Marton Police."

ON the 1st or 2nd instant, at Paikakariki, Wellington District, a quantity of potatoes, cabbages, peas, and radishes were maliciously pulled out of the ground in the garden of James Davidson and Daniel McFarlane, thereby doing damage to the extent of £1.

EDWARD PHIPPS is charged, on warrant issued by the Christchurch Bench, with having, on the 6th and 8th instant, at Stanmore Road, Richmond, near Christchurch, embezzled the sums of 16s. 10d., £1 18s. 8d., and £2 10s., the moneys of Joseph Broadley, by whom he was employed as a baker and collector of accounts, &c. Description: A native of England, a baker, twenty-four years of age, 5ft. 8in. or 9in. high, medium build, ruddy complexion, fair hair, clean-shaved except fair moustache; wore black-cloth suit and hard black hat; respectable appearance; fond of drink. He has a brother a baker and storekeeper at the Bay of Islands. He said he was previously employed by Mr. Pane, a baker at Ponsonby, near Auckland. He is supposed to have left Lyttelton on the 8th instant by the steamer "Ohau" for Sydney. There are several similar charges against him.

MICHAEL FRENCH is charged, on warrant issued by the Lawrence Bench, with having, on the 22nd ultimo, at Rae's Junction, near Lawrence, uttered a forged cheque for £4 15s. to Isabella Rae. Description: Irish, a labourer, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, medium build, dark complexion, dark hair, dark beard whiskers and moustache worn short; dressed in old dark-tweed coat, vest, and trousers, and tweed hat; carried a swag in a sack. The cheque is drawn on the Colonial Bank, Lawrence, in favour of Michael French, and purports to be signed by John Carr. He said that he had been employed at Beaumont Station, and that he got the cheque from the manager. Mr. Kerr is the manager's name at Beaumont. He went towards Teviot Station, Roxburgh, on the 22nd ultimo.

WILLIAM PEARCE is charged, on warrant issued by the Kawakawa Bench, with having, on the 12th ultimo, at Nga-wha, Ohaewai, obtained goods, value £2, from William Goffe by false representations. Description: An American, a gumdigger, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 8in. or 9in. high, 11 stone weight, dark complexion and eyes, dark beard whiskers and moustache; wore blue-serge shirt; fond of drink. He is supposed to have gone to the Hukerimu Gum-fields or to the Kamo Mines.

JOHN RUSHWORTH is charged, on warrant issued by the Reefton Bench, with having, on the 2nd instant, at Reefton, obtained a silver lever hunting-watch, value £7, from Thomas Wanless Bruce by false representations. Description: English, thirty-eight years of age, but looks much younger, about 5ft. 5in. high, slight build, thin features, florid complexion, left eye much smaller than right, fair hair, sandy beard whiskers and moustache cut short; dressed in dark-tweed sac-suit and tweed hat. He falsely represented himself as a Government geologist, and by so doing obtained the watch. There are other charges against him. He is supposed to have gone to Greymouth.

A MAN, who gave his name as Thomas Taylor, which may be a fictitious name, is charged with uttering, on the 5th instant, to William Henry Conlan, in the Criterion Hotel, Gloucester Street, Christchurch, a forged cheque for £4 on the Bank of New Zealand. Description: Supposed Irish, looked like an engineer, twenty or twenty-one years of age, 5ft. 9in. or 10in. high, fair complexion, fair hair, clean-shaved except very small fair moustache; dressed in dark-tweed suit, dark-check overcoat with cape, a large silver button at top, and soft black-felt hat; respectable appearance. Identifiable. The cheque is signed "Thomas Taylor," whom offender said is his father, and that he was employed at the railway-workshops, Addington, but there is no person of the name employed there. Offender went into the hotel with two prostitutes, and uttered the cheque in payment for three drinks and a package of cigarettes, receiving £3 18s. in cash. He indorsed the cheque, "Thomas Taylor."

BETWEEN 5.30 p.m. on the 8th and 8 a.m. on the 10th instant, at Caversham, near Timaru, twelve fruit-trees, ten macrocarpas, and four gooseberry- and currant-bushes were maliciously broken down, and a quantity of potatoes and cabbages, &c., pulled out of the ground; the property of William Ingram; thereby doing damage to the extent of £5 7s. 6d.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

A MAN, name unknown, is charged with stealing, at 3 p.m. on the 10th instant, from the person of Edward Hall, while drunk, in Cuba Street, Wellington, five £1 notes. Description: Supposed English, about twenty-five years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, stout build, fair hair and complexion, clean-shaved except moustache; wore light-tweed coat and vest, dark trousers, and hard black-felt hat. Identifiable. He is supposed to be still in Wellington. He was seen stealing the money by Mr. Walter Haybittle, who is in the employment of Messrs. Littlejohn and Son, jewellers.

STOLEN on the 14th instant, from a bedroom in the City Restaurant, Lambton Quay, Wellington, a ladies' ring set with four pearls and four rubies, two of the pearls are missing, and 4s. 9d.; the property of Letitia Healy. Ring identifiable. Suspicion attached to two men, names unknown. Description: First, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, medium build, dark complexion, dark hair, supposed clean-shaved, pockpitted; dressed in brown suit. Second, about twenty years of age, short stature, fair hair, and supposed very small fair moustache; wore brown coat and white-moleskin trousers. They are supposed to be still in Wellington.

STOLEN on the 29th ultimo, from a till in the butcher's shop of George Hume, Queen Street, Auckland, about £1 10s. in silver.

STOLEN between the 28th ultimo and the 1st instant, from a bedroom in the Masonic Hotel, Gisborne, an open-face English silver lever watch, maker's name and number not known, like LEC in monogram on back of case; the property of Frederick Summaroell; value £2. Identifiable.

STOLEN about the 1st instant, from a bedroom in Mrs. Cates's boardinghouse, Owen Street, Thames, a nearly-new pair of watertight boots, large nails in soles, tips on heels and toe-plates, the right heel is turned outwards, and there is a small cut in the upper of the left boot near the little toe, no eyelet-rings in eyelet-holes, value £1; and a nearly-new white shirt, value 6s.; the property of William Taylor. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to three men, names unknown, who occupied the room from which the articles were stolen. Description: First, supposed a half-caste Kanaka, about twenty-eight years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, nose slightly hooked, no hair on face; second, supposed a native of Auckland, about twenty years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, dark complexion, black hair, no hair on face except small black moustache; third, supposed a native of Auckland, about eighteen years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, fair complexion, red hair. They are supposed to be wearing the stolen articles, as they left an old pair of boots and some old shirts in the bedroom. They were seen near Paeroa on the 1st instant.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1888, page 218.)

THE oilskin coat, the property of Joseph Lind, stolen from the Kamo Hotel, Kamo, is yellow, the lower button supposed off, leather binding round buttonholes, not much worn.

STOLEN on the 5th instant, from the Shamrock Hotel, Oamaru, a ladies' open-face Virginian gold watch, no maker's name, number not known, and a double albert guard of same material, pattern long links with three short ones between; the property of Eleanora Presland; value £1 10s. Supposed identifiable.

STOLEN on the 5th instant, from the billiard-room of the Eketahuna Hotel, Eketahuna, three ivory billiard-balls, one white, one spot white, and one red; the property of John Tuck; value £3. Identification doubtful.

STOLEN on the 1st instant, from the Club Hotel, Palmerston North, a cashbox containing six half-sovereigns, £11 in silver, 6s. in coppers, and sundry papers; the property of Benjamin Blower. The cashbox was subsequently found on the same day in an outhouse adjoining the hotel premises, broken open, and all the money missing except 1s. 8d.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1888, page 208.)

BREAKING into a house at Kirikiri, and stealing money, &c., the property of Kapiana: James Roycroft and Thomas Danzey were arrested by the Thames Police for this offence, but were discharged for want of sufficient evidence.

BETWEEN the 1st and 28th ultimo the ware of Charles Casseboom, Hunterville, was broken into, and a silver albert chain, long-link pattern, small knobs of silver on links at centre, a piece of bone about 3in. long, the shape of an axe, with a piece of a shell in the shape of a slasher let into the handle, attached, and a white shirt, stolen; value £2 7s.