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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 by the member of the Force effecting the arrest.

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 Police, Wellington, and the envelope marked "For *Gazette*."

Arson.

NELSON.—At 2 a.m. on the 27th ultimo a three-roomed cottage in Van Diemen Street, the property of William Henry Roberts, was destroyed by fire, which it is supposed was wilfully caused. The building was insured for £100 in the Sun Office, but the furniture, valued at £50, was uninsured.

NELSON.—At 10 p.m. on the 27th ultimo a malthouse at the rear of the City Brewery, Collingwood Street, the property of Thomas H. Harley, was destroyed by fire, the origin of which cannot be ascertained. The buildings were insured for £1,000 in the National Office, and the stock for £300 in the Norwich Union. Estimated damage, £100.

LUMSDEN.—Between 7 p.m. on the 23rd and 6 a.m. on the 24th October last the unoccupied buildings on the Rock Farm, Dipton, the property of Richard English, were destroyed by fire, and at an inquest held on the 30th ultimo a verdict was returned to the effect that such fire was wilfully caused; the following rider being added: "That the jury consider the buildings overinsured, and the effects claimed for in the proof of loss were not in the respective buildings at the time of the fire."

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

AUCKLAND.—Robert Alfred Burgess is charged on warrant with the larceny as a bailee, on the 16th ultimo, of a cheque for £10; the property of James Furey, builder. Description: Supposed English, a surveyor, about thirty-five years of age, 5ft. 2in. or 3in. high, medium build, sallow complexion, light-brown beard, whiskers and moustache worn short, brown hair; dressed in dirty brown-tweed sac-suit and hard black-felt hat. He falsely represented to Mr. Wade, architect, Chancery Street, that he was instructed by complainant to call for the cheque, which was attached to an unaccepted tender sent by his hands on the same day. Offender then cashed the cheque at the Bank of New Zealand and decamped with the money. May have gone to the gumfields.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1891, pages 195 and 203.)

HENRY JOHN ANDERSON, charged with deserting from his apprenticeship with George Foster, bootmaker, Auckland, has been arrested by Constable T. White, Huntly Police.

PHILADELPHIA.—\$6,000 dollars reward is offered for the arrest of Gideon W. Marsh, ex-president of the Keystone National Bank, who, with the ex-city treasurer, John Bardsley (now serving fifteen years in prison), pilfered the bank of over one million dollars of city and State moneys. Offender was to have appeared before the United States Commissioner on the 21st May last, but absconded from his bail. Description: About forty-five years of age, weighs from 180lb. to 200lb., broad-shouldered, well built, care-worn look, dark-brown hair, blue eyes, dark-brown moustache (may have grown full beard and whiskers), brown face, fair skin, good teeth, first finger on right hand has been injured by a base-ball bat, which makes it slightly crooked, the first joint stiff, and nail inverted towards the little finger; when last seen, on the 27th May, 1891, he wore a brown-derby hat, flat brim, brown- or snuff-coloured overcoat, plaid-check pantaloons, patent-leather shoes with over-gaiters, and carried a small alligator satchel and umbrella; had in his possession a pair of low shoes, size 48c, with "E. C. Richmond" stamped on the inside in gilt letters. The above reward is offered by Benjamin Franklin's detective agency, on behalf of the city authorities and one of the bondsmen. Special inquiries are requested in this colony. Photographs of offender and facsimile of his signature in Commissioner's Office. (91/1867.)

WELLINGTON.—"Podge" Read is charged on warrant with having, on the 5th instant, wilfully damaged, to the extent of £30, a number of windows, glass ornaments, and a piano, in the dwelling of Annie Cunningham, Wingfield Street. Description: English or a colonial, a spieler, twenty-seven or twenty-eight years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, stout build, fair complexion, small fair moustache only; supposed wearing a light-tweed sac-suit, light soft-felt hat, and an imitation-gold chain with shark's tooth pendant.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1891, pages 147 and 153.)

WELLINGTON.—Re Peter Ross, charged with larceny as a bailee of £100, the money of Mary Rita Webb: A reward of £5 is now guaranteed on conviction of the offender.

WELLINGTON.—George Jesser, an inmate of the Kohimarama Industrial School, under license to Mr. Tighe, instructor of the blind, absconded from his employer on the 28th October last, while staying at the Central Hotel. Description: Fourteen years and eight months old, stout build, fresh complexion, dark-brown hair; probably dressed in dark-tweed suit. If found he is to be returned to the school. (91/1891.)

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person and from Dwellings.

AUCKLAND.—Stolen on the 24th ultimo, from the dwelling of John Gleeson, Jermyn Street, a black-leather gladstone-bag, containing a pink-print horseshoe-pattern shirt, a white ditto with coloured front and cuffs and black-and-white bars,