

**NASEBY.**—John Hayes absconded from the licensed service of A. Trotter, Hyde, on the 13th ultimo. Description: Sixteen years of age, about 5ft. 2in. high, stout build, reddish hair; wearing a blue dungaree jumper and moleskin trousers. If in respectable employment he may be allowed to remain, but, if leading a vagrant life, to be returned to the Caversham Industrial School. He will probably make for some rabbit-biter's camp.

### Horse- and Cattle-Stealing.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—Tauriki and Wiremu te Whitu, *alias* Paddy Egan, are charged on warrant with having, on the 9th ultimo, at Mangapiko, stolen a filly, value £2 10s., the property of Tairi te Oriori; and a horse, value £5, the property of Ani Waata; both recovered, having been sold by offenders. Tauriki is thirty years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, slight build, thin features, black hair whiskers and moustache; speaks good English. Wiremu is fifty-seven years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, stout build. They are well known to the Waikato Police, and have probably gone to the King Country.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 52.)

**PALMERSTON NORTH.**—David Pringle's gelding has been found; not stolen.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 23.)

**ASHBURTON.**—Oliver Drennan's gelding has been recovered from the Methven Pound.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**—John Dillon, constable, reports stolen from a paddock in Hereford Street, on the 3rd ultimo, a bay saddle-mare, four years old, about 14½ hands high, black points, sore wither, black spot about 2½in. by 1in. on top of rump, small blemish on off hough, shod all round; had a large leather belt, with rope attached, on neck; value £8.

### Missing Friends.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1891, page 211.)

**RE** Robert John Wethers: Further inquiry is requested for this missing friend. He was known at home as Martin Wethers, and is described as a butcher, between seventy-one and seventy-six years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, sandy complexion, single. "Wetherfield" is thought to be in the Auckland District. It is supposed that he died between seven and ten years ago, leaving considerable real and personal estate; but there is no record of his death in the Registrar-General's Department.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 61.)

**ERNEST TOMLINSON** has been found at Rangitata.

**MICHAEL BARRY** is inquired for by the Education Department, through the Ashburton Police, with the view of compelling him to pay arrears for maintenance of his children in St. Mary's School, Nelson. Description: Irish, a labourer, forty-four years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, medium build, square shoulders, dark sallow complexion, dark hair, thin dark beard whiskers and moustache; a widower. Left the relief-works at Waimakariri last January, saying he was going to work at Ashburton, but cannot be found in that locality.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 61.)

**WILLIAM HAYDN FLOOD** is tuning pianos in and about Woodville.

**JOHN O'BRIEN**, *alias* Sherlock, *alias* Sharkey, is inquired for with the view of compelling him to support his wife, now employed at Coney's Hotel, Portobello, Otago Peninsula. Description: Irish, a labourer, about twenty-eight years of age, 5ft. 3½in. high, medium build, fair complexion, brown hair and moustache only, bald on top of head. (See also *Police Gazette*, 1891, page 178.) Last seen at South Dunedin on the 17th March last, when he said he was travelling as an insurance agent.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 4.)

**JOHN MILLER DURIE** has been found dead on the bank of the Clutha River, near Horseshoe Bend.

**AARON SAMPSON** is inquired for by the Tauranga Police, with the view of serving a summons on him for the support of his wife and children. Description: A native of New South Wales, thirty-eight years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, medium build, very dark complexion, black curly hair, small brown moustache only, has lost the first joint of the middle finger, a labourer or mill-hand. Said to have been seen at Auckland about the end of December last, and since then at Oxford and Foxton.

**BERNARDO MENGHINI**, a Swiss, from Peschiavo, Grisons, Tessin, is inquired for by the Swiss Consul, Melbourne, through the Commissioner of Police, Adelaide. He came to this colony from the Northern Territory (South Australia) about twelve years ago. No description given. (92/678.)

**THOMAS HENRY METCALF**, agent for Bowerman Brothers, of the Picturesque Atlas publication, is missing from the City Hotel, Christchurch, since the 7th ultimo. Description: Supposed English, a traveller, about fifty-five years of age, about 5ft. 7in. high, medium build, dark complexion, grey moustache only; dressed in dark-tweed or diagonal paget-coat and vest, and hard-black round hat; a widower. Said to have gone to Rangiora or Lyttelton, and also to have been in Wellington, but no trace of him can be obtained in the latter place. Has recently been unwell and despondent. His luggage is still at the hotel.

### Inquest.

**LUMSDEN (SOUTHLAND).**—On the 20th March last the body of a man, unknown, was found in the bed of the Oreti River, near Mossburn, and at an inquest held on the following day a verdict of "Found dead" was returned. Description: About forty years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, dark hair, brown or sandy whiskers and moustache, medium build; dressed in dark-cloth coat, well worn, pepper-and-salt trousers and vest (trousers strapped with check material, and patched at knees), old blue guernsey, coloured-cotton shirt, red handkerchief, woollen socks, and old Balmoral boots, both well worn, and a hole cut inside the upper of the right one. Deceased arrived at Mossburn, from the South, on the 6th of the previous month, and left for Five-River Station on the following day. He was in a weak and destitute state, but had the appearance of having seen better days. Said to have been in the colony about twelve months, and that his brother lives in Warwickshire, England. (I.R. 164.)

### Miscellaneous Information.

#### Death.

**SECOND-CLASS** Sergeant Joseph Barrett, No. 27.

#### Rewards.

**CONSTABLE E. MACKAY**, Auckland Police, has been awarded £5 from the Reward Fund, and record of merit, in recognition of his intrepid conduct in jumping into the harbour and saving a boy, named Joseph Barber, from drowning. (92/621.)

**CONSTABLE J. BURROWS**, Invercargill Police, has been awarded 9s. by the Customs Department for detection of a breach of "The Beer Duty Act, 1880," at One-tree Hill. (92/628.)

**SERGEANT J. CULLEN**, Napier Police, has been awarded £8 for arresting Alfred Milford, a deserter from H.M.S. "Ringarooma." (92/564.)

**CONSTABLE W. RAMSAY**, Ashburton Police, has been awarded £5 from the Reward Fund for praiseworthy energy displayed in following up and arresting Arthur F. Stuart, *alias* Fisher, &c., an escaped prisoner. (92/653.)

**SERGEANT J. O'MALLEY** and Constables C. Bleasel, T. J. McCormick, T. Breen, G. Fitzgerald, and C. Moore have been awarded £1 each for placing refractory firemen on board the s.s. "Ruahine." (92/673.)

### Re Larrikinism.

(Circular Memo. No. 10/92.)

With reference to Circular Memo. 3/92 of the 18th ultimo (*vide Police Gazette*, 1892, page 41) relative to steps to be taken for suppressing larrikinism, and as it has been found that the nuisance still exists to a considerable extent in some districts, it is notified, for general information and guidance, that any non-commissioned officer or constable who fails to effectually grapple with this class of offence will be at once removed to another station.

The Commissioner hopes that this warning will stimulate all members of the force to use their utmost exertions to at once stamp out this growing evil.

By order.

A. HUME,  
Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 25th April, 1892.