

LYTTELTON.—Miss Minna Pickering, Armagh Street West, Christchurch, reports stolen from a box in the hold of the s.s. "Aorangi," on the voyage from Capetown to Lyttelton, between the 27th March last and the 29th ultimo, a heavy gold chain bracelet, large round smooth and small flat links alternately; a gold pen- and pencil-case; a silver Indian cross, edged with black filagree-work; a thin round silver neck-chain; a gold ring, set with four diamonds; one ditto with star of brilliants surrounded by pearls; one ditto with three bands half-way round and pearls; a gold snake-ring, pearl at each end (one missing); a small gold brooch, blue-enamelled centre and one pearl; necklace of several rows of rough coral; and a silver brooch, with claw holding a black pear; value £30. Identifiable.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

WELLINGTON.—John Cecil Pascoe is charged, on warrant issued by the Wellington Bench, with having deserted his wife, at Herbertville, since the 5th ultimo. Description: English, a Cornishman, a station-hand and diver, about thirty-five years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, slight build, dark complexion, dark-brown eyes, dark hair, shaved except small moustache, not much hair on face at any time, very talkative and boastful, fond of drink. (See also *Police Gazette*, 1889, page 40.) Was employed diving at Maguire's reclamation-works, Wellington, in 1889, and is well known to most divers. Supposed to have gone to Napier, but cannot be found there, and may intend to leave the colony. (This is inserted to correct the notice at page 69 of last *Gazette*, in which offender was erroneously described as a driver instead of a diver.)

WESTPORT.—Alexander Gollan is charged on warrant with having deserted his wife, Beatrice, at Ngakawau, since the 2nd January last. Description: Scotch, about forty years of age, 5ft. 7½in. high, medium build, fair complexion, hair whiskers and moustache turning grey, grey eyes, thin features; dressed when last seen in dark-tweed suit and soft grey hat. He left on the above date to seek employment, and is supposed to have gone to Clutha, Otago.

Escaped Prisoner.

WHAKATANE.—Tomai, *alias* Tukaitapu, escaped from the custody of Constable A. J. Sisam at 7.40 a.m. on the 11th March last. Description: A Maori, about eighteen years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, upper lip thick and projecting, sharp nose and rather long, swarthy complexion, no hair on face, medium build; was dressed in check cotton shirt and white-drill trousers. Resides with his father at Ruatoki, an Uriwera settlement, and was seen there on the 5th ultimo. Offender was under arrest for the larceny of a boys' tweed coat, value 12s., the property of Sidney Dando; recovered. Warrant issued by Tauranga Bench.

Absconding from Industrial Schools.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, pages 40 and 52.)

WILLIAM JAMES SPEDDING is working at McCulloch's threshing-mill, Tokerau, near Ngapara.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, pages 61 and 69.)

RE George William Reynolds: As this boy has left his last employment at Highfield Station, Naseby, and appears to be leading a vagrant life, he is to be arrested, and sent to the Caversham School. He was seen at Pigroot about a fortnight ago, going towards Dunedin, *via* Palmerston.

DUNEDIN.—Clara Hinds, seventeen years of age, medium build, fair complexion, dark curly hair, left her situation at Pukerau on the 5th instant, and went by train to Dunedin, it is supposed with the intention of returning to the Caversham School, but has not been seen since. Information as to her whereabouts and nature of employment to be sent to the Inspector of Police, Dunedin.

Deserter from Her Majesty's Service.

From P. and O. s.s. "Ballarat," at Sydney.

On 27th April, 1892.

DANIEL J. MILDEN, A.B., a native of Ermington, Devon, twenty-seven years of age, 5ft. 4in. high, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, scar on forehead and left cheek, tattooed on each wrist. Paid off H.M.S. "Dart," on 3rd ultimo. Warrant issued from H.M.S. "Mildura," at Sydney, 1st instant.

A reward of £3 is offered for the arrest of the above deserter, in addition to £5 from the Colonial Government.

Horse- and Cattle-Stealing.

DANEVIRKE.—Henry Muller is charged on warrant with having, on the 16th ultimo, stolen a mare, value £20, the property of Edwin Dean; recovered. Offender is a German, speaks English fairly well, works at sawmills, and breaks horses, about twenty-seven years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, stout build, fresh complexion, fair moustache only; dressed in dark clothes, and hard-felt hat. He sold the mare on the above date to George Newitt, who has possession of it, and was last heard of at Palmerston North on the 20th ultimo.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 70.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—John Dillon's mare has been found.

HUNTERVILLE.—A man, name unknown, is charged with the larceny, between 3 p.m. on the 1st and 9 a.m. on the 2nd instant, at Karioi, Murimotu, of a gelding, value £20; the property of Tahana. Offender is twenty or twenty-one years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, fair complexion, fair hair and small moustache, slight build, jockey appearance; wore a dark coat and hard black-felt hat. Was seen riding the stolen animal through Hunterville on the 3rd instant, and is supposed to have gone to Bulls or Marton. He rode a young grey horse, about 15 hands high (believed to be a stolen one), to Karioi, and left it in a paddock there. He said he came from Cambridge, Waikato. A warrant for his arrest has since been issued by the Wanganui Bench. Further reports state that Tahana's gelding has been recovered, it having been sold at Halcombe, on the 4th instant, by a man answering offender's description. He gave a receipt in the name of "James McKennon" or "McKenna," and had a large red-and-grey-flowered portmanteau and flour-bag swag. His description also agrees with that of Frank G. D. Pittock, *alias* William Pittock, *vide* *Police Gazette*, 1891, page 70, and 1892, pages 32 and 40.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 70.)

CAMBRIDGE.—Tauriki, and Wiremu te Whitu, *alias* Paddy Regan, charged with stealing horses belonging to Tairi te Oriori and Ani Waata, have been arrested by Constables Lowther and Brennan, Waikato Police, and discharged.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1891, page 205.)

ROTORUA.—Timothy Cahill's gelding has been found.

Missing Friends.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 70.)

THOMAS HENRY METCALF has returned to the City Hotel, Christchurch.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 18.)

JOHN ELIVDGE is working at the Tahoraiti Sawmills, near Danevirke.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 70.)

JOHN O'BRIEN, *alias* Sherlock, *alias* Sharkey, is working at Mr. William Kirkland's farm, East Taieri.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1891, page 197.)

RE Mrs. Corrigan: Mr. Moffatt (now of Mount Parnassus) states that this missing friend was housekeeping for him during his management of a station at Wakanui Creek, Ashburton, and left there in July, 1873, accompanied by a shepherd named William Duff, to whom she was to be married. They are said to have been subsequently in Otago, but efforts to trace them have so far been unsuccessful. Further inquiries are requested. (C.S. 91/2413.)

Inquest.

OXFORD (Canterbury).—On the 17th ultimo the body of a man, unknown, was found in the old ferry house, Waimakariri Gorge Bridge, and, at an inquest held on the following day, a verdict of death from natural causes (heart disease) was returned. Deceased had the appearance of a labourer, about forty-five years of age, about 5ft. 8in. high, medium build, reddish beard whiskers and moustache, turning grey, round coarse features, scar on left cheek, two Ds, one above the other, tattooed on left side. The following articles were found with the body, and await identification at Christchurch: Two coats and vests, trousers, shirt, socks, two hats, towel, two handkerchiefs, braces, boots, brush, housewife, scissors, spectacles, pipe, table-knife, and billy.