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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*.

All communications concerning this *Gazette* should be addressed to the Commissioner of Police, Wellington, and the envelope marked "For *Gazette*." Members of the Force in charge of out-stations will forward them *direct*.

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HAMPDEN (OMARU).—About 6 a.m. on the 10th ultimo a threshing-mill and two stacks of wheat at Kauroo Hill, near Maheno, the property of Clarke Brothers, were destroyed by fire which it is believed was wilfully caused. Insured in the South British Office, mill £275, stacks £25.

Offences Not Otherwise Described.

AUCKLAND.—Adolph F. S. Prien is charged on warrant with the larceny as a bailee, on the 22nd February last, of an enlarged photographic picture, value £3 10s., the property of Percy Arthur Hadley. Offender is a German, but resembles an Italian, about twenty-eight years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, slight build, sallow complexion, black hair, small black moustache only, sharp features, very black eyes, very large hands and feet; generally wears a long black morning coat and a hard black-felt hat; sometimes has a comforter round neck. He was employed by complainant to show the picture through the district, and has failed to return it or its value. Was seen in Queen Street, Auckland, about four weeks ago. A person, supposed to be his wife, and who may be going under the name of Miss Shaw, is said to be a waitress at an hotel in Dargaville.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 93.)

AUCKLAND.—Charles Kernot, charged with deserting from his apprenticeship with Thomas Hoskings, has been arrested by Constable William Bern, Thames Police, and remanded to Auckland.

PUKEKOHE (AUCKLAND).—James McAllister is charged with having, on the 28th ultimo, at Patumahoe, forged and uttered to Thomas Kinsey, hotelkeeper, a cheque on the Bank of Australasia, Auckland, for £5 10s. 6d., in favour of H. Richmond by James Carter, there being no account at

the bank in the latter's name. Offender is Scotch, about thirty years of age, 5ft. 9in. high, medium build, florid complexion, red bushy whiskers and moustache, sandy hair, regular features; wore a grey-tweed suit and hard black hat. He stayed at complainant's hotel for a few days, and gave the cheque in payment of £1 5s. 6d. for board, receiving the balance in cash. It has been ascertained that he obtained two blank cheques from a storekeeper near the hotel, one of which has been filled in as above. He is supposed to have gone to Auckland or Waikato, and is said to be well known at Whatawhata and Mangare. No warrant.

WAVERLEY.—James Walker (probably a fictitious name), is charged on warrant with having, on the 1st instant, forged and uttered to W. H. Southcombe, storekeeper, a cheque for £3 5s. on the Bank of New Zealand, Patea, purporting to be signed by Andrew Hunter, of Brunswick, in favour of accused, but which has been returned marked "No account," and is declared by Mr. Hunter to be a forgery. Offender is English, a labourer, fifty-five to sixty years of age, about 5ft. 5in. high, slight build, dark hair mixed with grey, florid complexion, side-whiskers and moustache, chin shaved, small face, very thick lips; dressed in a brown-tweed suit, black slouch hat, "Zealandia" shooting-boots with nails. He purchased goods to the value of £1 1s. 6d., receiving the balance in change, and appears to have obtained the blank cheque at the Bank of New Zealand, Patea, a few days previously, stating his name was Arthur Wright, and that he lived at Wanganui, where he had an account. He left Waverley by train on the 3rd instant, taking a ticket for Palmerston North.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1893, pages 71 and 79.)

WELLINGTON.—John Reginald, *alias* Crawford, for forging and uttering a cheque to G. W. Wilton, has been arrested by Constable C. Bowden, Martinborough Police, and committed for trial.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Joseph Davis is charged with disobeying the terms of his release under "The First Offenders' Probation Act, 1886." Description: A native of the colony, a farm-labourer, nineteen years of age, 5ft. 3½in. high, medium build, dark complexion, dark-brown hair, brown eyes, medium nose, mouth, and chin; left thumb has been amputated; 120lb. weight; dressed, when last seen, in an old brown-tweed sac-coat and old black-felt hat. (See *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 91.) He left his employment at Mr. Drury's, farmer, Halswell, about the end of May last, and spoke of going to Lyttelton, and from thence working his way to Sydney; also said he might go to Cheviot. He was formerly an inmate of the Burnham Industrial School.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 85.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—George Burns, for forging and uttering a cheque to William McLeod: There is now every reason to believe that this offender is not identical with the David Miller mentioned in the above-quoted reference.