

30th or 31st ultimo, a brown-leather purse, containing four £1 notes and a Union Company's return-ticket in complainant's name.

AUCKLAND.—Thomas Edward Fitzgerald, Waitemata Street, Ponsonby, reports stolen (supposed), between the 16th November last and 29th ultimo, a small jewel-box, lined with silk velvet, tray on top, containing a pair of old-fashioned gold earrings, hoop-shape, set with about fifty small pearls; three rosettes, set with about fifty large pearls; a ladies' double-cased gold watch, large size, old fashioned, maker and number unknown; a gold scarf-pin, large nugget-head; blue-enamelled ditto, woman's head, set with four diamonds; an ivory ditto, death's head setting; two gentlemen's gold watch-chains, oblong links; a gentleman's gold ring, greenstone shield; an oval miniature on ivory of a colonel, dated 1820, size 3in. by 2½in., set with twenty-four diamonds inside the frame; three red-coral shirt-studs, three torquoise vest-buttons, a gold horseshoe scarf-pin, walking-stick pattern, with ivory head; and a number of other articles which cannot be described; estimated value £100. Complainant, who was absent during the time above mentioned, missed the box on his return. The doors and windows were securely fastened, and there is no sign of any one having entered the dwelling.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 210.)

MANGONUI.—Timothy Walsh's savings-bank book has been found; not stolen.

WANGANUI.—Atorea reports stolen from his dwelling at Kauaeroa, Upper Wanganui River, about the 20th ultimo, a gold lever hunting-watch, jewelled in four holes, gold balance, No. 26601, makers Peterson and Co., Christchurch; value £25.

HUNTERVILLE.—James Newell reports stolen from him while on a spree at the Hunterville Hotel, on the 15th or 16th instant, three £5 notes, two of them numbered A052050 and A046228 respectively; and nine £1 ditto, four of them numbered 451081, 270168, 314860, and 352,646; all on the Bank of New Zealand.

KAIKOURA (CANTERBURY).—Erik Nickals, labourer, reports that, on the 7th instant, his dwelling was broken into, and the following stolen: A gold albert-chain, long links (one broken), a gold locket, "Minnie" written outside, attached; four gold-plated shirt-studs, and a £5 note on the Bank of New Zealand; value in all £16.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Lient.-Colonel John Hart reports stolen from a bedroom at Coker's Hotel, Christchurch, on the 9th instant, an open-faced Waterbury watch, with small-linked silver chain attached; a ladies' gold Geneva half-hunting keyless watch, maker and number unknown, attached was a short gold chain, very fine links; and a gold Arabic coin, about 1in. square, mounted as a brooch, pin diagonally; value £11 10s. Complainant's address is care of Cutten and Hart, Princes Street, Dunedin.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Timothy Lynch, no fixed abode, reports stolen from him while asleep in the Hagley Park, on the 13th instant, an English silver lever hunting-watch, "H. Roberts" on dial, No. 26853 or 26855, common brass chain attached; value £3 0s. 6d. Suspicion attached to Ellen Parkinson, alias Danby, who was in complainant's company. (For her description see *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 107.)

INVERCARGILL.—Mrs. John Campbell, Woodend, reports stolen from her at the Caledonian Grounds, on the 2nd instant, a leather purse, three compartments, clasp on top, containing four £1 notes and 3s. or 4s. in silver. Purse identifiable.

INVERCARGILL.—Catherine Willis reports stolen from her at the Caledonian Grounds, on the 2nd instant, an old leather purse, clasp at side, containing 13s., some white rosary beads with medals attached, and a drawer-key; value in all 18s.

INVERCARGILL.—Edward Phillips, Jed Street, reports that, on the 15th instant, his dwelling was broken into, and four £1 notes stolen. Suspicion attached to Alexander McKenzie, a fitter, seventeen years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, slender build, long dark features, dark hair, stoops when walking. He lives next door to complainant, and was convicted of house-breaking on the 14th November last, and sentenced to three months' probation.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1892, page 188.)

OAMARU.—Stealing Robert Johnston's trousers: William Moody has been arrested for this offence by Detective T. O'Brien, and sentenced to twenty-one days' labour. Trousers recovered.

ASHBURTON.—John McLellan, Thomas Baker, and Henry Leggett report stolen from their bedrooms in the Panama Boardinghouse, on the 13th instant, the sums of £2 15s., £1 2s. 6d., and 7s. 6d. respectively. Some letters addressed to Leggett, and one to W. H. Piper, Hereford Street, Christchurch, were also taken.

ASHBURTON.—David William Jones, teacher, Roman Catholic School, reports stolen at Mrs. Mary Ann Harkin's, between the 2nd ultimo and 16th instant, sixteen £10, one £5, and two £1 notes, bank and numbers unknown; 17s. 6d. in silver, a gold albert-guard, round flat links, gold thread twisted round every second one, value £7; and a silver albert, scaly-snake-pattern, value £1 10s. Gold albert identifiable. Complainant was away during the above-mentioned dates, and left the property in a wooden box in his bedroom. On the 8th instant the premises were burnt down, and the remains of the box found among the debris. Mrs. Harkin is said to be the only person who knew where the money, &c., was kept; and her furniture was over-insured.

LYTTELTON.—Alexander McCormick, boarder, Crown Hotel, reports stolen, on the 16th or 17th instant, a dark-tweed sac-coat, check-pattern, nearly new; value £1 10s. Identifiable.

LYTTELTON.—James Lahn, boarder, Crown Hotel, reports stolen, on the 16th or 17th instant, a new black diagonal-serge coat; value £2 10s. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—John Boyles, carter, South Dunedin, reports stolen from his dwelling, between the 15th and 19th instant, a small white-chamois-leather purse with clasp, containing two £1 notes and 1s. Purse identifiable.

### Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

WAVERLEY.—Thomas Johnson reports stolen from inside the Maori Pa, on the 9th instant, a cornsack swag, tied with a piece of white fishing-line, containing two pairs of grey-tweed trousers, partly worn, one has a diamond-shaped patch on the right knee; a shaving-brush with bright-steel handle, hollow-ground razor, rusted near handle; seven photographs, three shirts (one cotton, two woollen), four cotton singlets, a pair of watertight boots, pair of light shooter boots, parcel of letters, two grey blankets (one rent in centre), two tweed coats (one light colour, the other dark), a small round alarm clock, forget-me-nots on case, seconds-hand missing; a dark-tweed waistcoat, leather strap, and four pairs of woollen socks; value £12. Stolen while complainant, who was the worse of drink, was in one of the whares for a few minutes.

LITTLE RIVER (CANTERBURY).—William Horwood, labourer, Aylesbury, reports stolen from his clothing in the Pavillion, on the 2nd instant, a new brown-leather purse, about 5in. by 3in., with elastic band, containing about 12s. in silver.

OAMARU.—George G. Jackson, Weston, reports stolen from a shed in Cross Steet, Oamaru, on the 7th instant, a single-breasted blue-serge overcoat, size 5, military make, lined with tartan plaid, two outside hip-pockets and an inside breast-pocket, not much worn; value £2. Identifiable.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Miss Rosamond Kennedy, 38, St. Asaph Street, Linwood, reports stolen from the waiting-room at the Christchurch Railway-station, on the 24th ultimo, a ladies' mackintosh, grey with dark-blue spots, black-satin hood attached, almost new; value £1 10s. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—Frederick John Hall, clicker, Scotland Street, reports stolen from the Garrison Hall, on the 3rd instant, a long dark-tweed overcoat with cape, lined with black italian-cloth, two outside pockets, bone buttons; value £2 10s. Identifiable.

WAITAHUNA (OTAGO).—William McClelland reports stolen from a dredge at Greenfield, Clutha River, between the 24th and 26th ultimo, a driving-shaft, screw-jack, union screw, steam indicator, two sets of copper tubes, and a quantity of brass fittings; value £24 10s. Identifiable. Suspicion is attached to Peter Bannatyne and Robert Frances, now at Greenfield and Milton respectively. They were formerly employed by the Tuapeka Dredging Company, but discharged by complainant on his taking a contract from the company to overhaul and repair their dredge. It is probable that the articles were thrown into the Clutha River.

LAWRENCE.—The Blue Spur Gold-mining Company report stolen from their blacksmith's shop, between the 10th ultimo and 8th instant, about 200ft. of 4in. manilla rope, some months in use; value £4.