

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Josiah H. Prosser, Porirua, reports stolen from a bedroom at the Albion Hotel, Palmerston North, during the night of the 25th instant, five £5 notes. Suspicion attached to Arthur Hinge, *alias* Thompson, Thomas Harvey, *alias* Buckley, and James Mitchell. (For their descriptions see *Police Gazette*, 1893, pages 41, 76, and 139.)

LEVIN.—John Prendergast, Heatherlea, reports that on the 23rd ultimo his whare was broken into and the following stolen: A brown-tweed waterproof coat with cape, "Kaiapoi" or "Mosgiel" on tab, cloth buttons down front; a razor, marked "Altonia," and case for same; value, £2 5s.

WELLINGTON.—Walter E. Hall, dentist, 103, Willis Street, reports stolen from his consulting-room, between the 6th and 20th ultimo, a pair of opera-glasses, bound with black leather; value, £2.

WELLINGTON.—Edwin James Hill, Oriental Bay, reports stolen from his dwelling, on the 2nd instant, a gold dollar, a threepenny-bit, a saloon ticket for s.s. "Waihora," in favour of Miss Mathias, and six sovereigns.

WELLINGTON.—Joseph Zachariah, Willis Street, reports stolen from his dwelling, on the 29th ultimo, a silver cup, 10in. to 12in. high, supposed inscribed as having been won at the athletic sports, Blenheim; value, £3.

KAIKOURA (MARLBOROUGH).—John Sweeney, labourer, Greenhills Station, reports stolen from the men's whare, on the 16th ultimo, five £1 notes, two sovereigns, and two half-sovereigns.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Thomas Carlton, Upper Riccarton, reports stolen from him while drunk in Christchurch, during the night of the 23rd ultimo, a silver lever Rotherham hunting-watch, No. 97123; value, £5.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1889, page 64.)

The watch, guard, and pendant stolen from the dwelling of George W. Campbell, Belfast, Canterbury, have been found secreted in a fence, and returned to the owner. The whereabouts of the suspect, George Plante, is unknown.

RANGIORA.—Joseph Reynolds, hairdresser, reports that on the 3rd or 4th instant his shop was broken into, and a black-enamelled 8in. cashbox, value 10s., containing a cigar-box, two penny stamps, and 6d. in coppers, stolen.

DUNEDIN.—Mrs. Alice Liggins, Leviathan Hotel, reports stolen from her at the railway-station, on the 30th ultimo, a new black-leather clasp-purse, containing a gold ring, set with two sapphires and two diamonds, value £8 10s.; and £4 10s. in gold.

MOSGIEL.—David McCaughan, North Taieri, reports stolen from his hut, on the 22nd or 23rd ultimo, six £1 notes, £1 1s. in silver; and a small five-chambered revolver, about 4in. long, value £1. Case doubtful.

GREYMOUTH.—George Hall reports stolen from the Club Hotel, on the 24th ultimo, a silver lever hunting-watch, seconds hand broken off, makers Settle Brothers, London, number unknown, value £3; and a wooden pipe with new amber mouthpiece 4in. long, slightly curved, value £1 5s.

BRUNNERTON.—Clement Parfitt, Stillwater, reports that on the 22nd or 23rd ultimo his store was broken into, and the following stolen: 10lb. cheese, 12lb. French twist tobacco, one bottle Peerless Gloss, one ditto eucalypte extract, one ditto Irish moss, one tin egg-powder, four dozen matches, a double-bladed pocket-knife, several small tins of pepper, and a pair of tweed trousers, check pattern with pink spots; value, £5 9s. 5d.

Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

STRATFORD (TARANAKI).—William Jackson reports stolen from his clothing in the Commercial Hotel stables, on the 26th or 27th ultimo, a small nickel open-faced keyless watch, No. 12917, maker unknown; silver chain, small links, half worn, and threepenny-bit attached; value, £1 10s.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 192.)

WELLINGTON.—Frank Wood's horse-cover has been found.

NELSON.—Edward Green, The Sands, Stoke, reports stolen on the 25th or 26th ultimo a brindle-and-yellow rough-coated colley slut, white patch on neck and tip of tail, answers to "Fan"; value, £5.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Daniel O'Sullivan, Bush's boarding-house, South Belt, report stolen from a railway-carriage at the Christchurch Station, on the 5th instant, a dark-brown Chesterfield overcoat, fly front, velvet collar, two hip-pockets and one outside left breast, front of coat not bound and is ravelling, "Raphael, Kearney Street, San Francisco," on tab; value, £4.

OXFORD (CANTERBURY).—Mairdonald Brothers, farmers, West Eyreton, report stolen from their premises on the 19th or 20th ultimo an old colonial saddle, in good repair, centre girth-straps of a lighter leather than the others, three-bar stirrup-irons, canvas girth, value £2; and a double-barrelled muzzle-loading gun, barrels 28in., 15 bore, one hammer smaller than the other, value £1 10s. Suspicion attached to James Hawker, about fifty-five years of age, 5ft. 5in. or 7in. high, medium build, dark complexion, blue eyes, dark hair beard whiskers and moustache (turning grey). He is a general dealer, at present residing in East Oxford.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

WELLINGTON.—Joseph Smith is charged on warrant with deserting his wife Elizabeth, Martin Street, since the 21st ultimo. Description: English, a shearer, about forty-five years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, dark hair beard and moustache, a cut underneath left eye, and the eyelash drawn down; dressed in a dark-blue coat, dark-check trousers, and soft drab-coloured hat. Supposed to have gone to the South Island.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1891, pages 47 and 161, and 1892, page 44.)

NEW PLYMOUTH.—William John Lyle, charged with disobeying an order of the Court for the support of his illegitimate child by Susan Bishell: It is thought that, if this offender is still in the colony, he may take part in athletic sports. Photograph at district police offices.

CHRISTCHURCH.—John Laurenson is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court, made on the 2nd ultimo, to pay 2s. a week towards the support of each of his three illegitimate children. Description: Scotch (but looks like a foreigner), about forty years of age, about 5ft. 9in. high, medium build, dark sallow complexion, clean-shaved except dark moustache, dark hair, thin on crown, dark eyes, speaks with a peculiar accent, addicted to drink. Was employed at the Government workshops, Addington, as a blacksmith's striker. His wife lives at 32, Richmond Road, off South Belt, Christchurch.

DUNEDIN.—George Brown is charged on warrant with having deserted his wife, Mary Ellen, Forbury Road, Caversham, since the 9th of January, 1893. Description: Scotch, a carpenter or labourer, forty-eight years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, stout build, reddish complexion, sandy moustache only, blue eyes. (See *Police Gazette*, 1893, page 45.)

Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

From H.M.S. "Mildura," at Sydney.

On 13th December, 1893.

GEORGE BRACE, private, R.L.M.I., born at Turnham Green, London, about thirty-three years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, brown hair, brown eyes, fair complexion.

From H.M.S. "Katoomba," at Sydney.

On 8th December, 1893.

ALFRED DANIEL TREE, stoker, born at Eastchurch, Kent, twenty-five years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, blue eyes, light-brown hair, ruddy complexion, scar on back of left ear and neck.

From H.M.S. "Orlando," at Sydney.

On 6th December, 1893.

ALFRED J. HORKEYD, A.B., born at Cornwall, twenty-six years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, grey eyes, dark-brown hair, dark complexion.

A reward of £3 is offered for the apprehension of the above-named deserters.

WILLIAM MASKELL is absent without leave from H.M.S. "Lizard," at Lyttelton, since the 1st instant. Description: A.B., English, twenty-two years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, brown hair, grey eyes, fair complexion. £3 reward for arrest.

JOHN WILLIAMS is absent without leave from H.M.S. "Curaçoa," at Lyttelton, since the 6th instant. Description: A private of marines, a native of Monmouth, twenty-eight years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, brown hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion. £3 reward for arrest.