

tal, Auckland police, on information supplied by Constable F. Beattie, of Paeroa, and committed for trial. Stolen property, except one rug, recovered.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—The Railway Department reports stolen from a truck, on the 27th ultimo, a case of Usher's whiskey, marked 177, U over 958. Special over 285 in a triangle over Wellington; value, £3 6s.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—The Postal Department reports stolen from the railway-station, between 10 p.m. on the 19th and 7 a.m. on the 20th ultimo, a mail-bag, marked "Onehunga, WRTPO, North," containing a few letters.

OPUNAKI.—David Leahy, farmer, Eltham Road, reports stolen from off his saddle, on the 31st ultimo, a pair of stirrup-leathers, nearly new, holes numbered, with three-bar nickel-plated irons; value, 10s.

WAVERLEY.—During the night of the 5th instant the Town Hall was broken into, and the following stolen: A diaper tray-cloth, 3ft. by 2½ft., marked "Newcombs" on one corner; a diaper apron, trimmed with lace; three large biscuit-tins, labelled "Elmslie"; a 5lb.-box of tea, branded "Nelson, Moate, and Co."; about 20lb sugar; a quantity of cakes, &c.; and three silver teaspoons (since found): value, about £5. The property of the managers of the Presbyterian Church.

TURAKINA (MARTON).—Thomson and Scott reports stolen from their shop, on the 10th instant, four pairs of boots—viz.: one pair colonial-kip bluchers, size 9; one pair split-kip bluchers, size 9; one pair females' calf long-lace, size 9; and one pair of army boots: value, £2 10s. 6d.

GISBORNE.—George Armstrong Beere, surveyor, reports stolen from off the Waimata Road, between the 30th ultimo and the 4th instant, a hog-skin saddle, in good order, white-metal stirrup-irons, thick brown-felt saddle-cloth; and a single-reined bridle, with metal bit, brass buckles, and forehead-band of plaited leather; "George Beere" stamped on inside of saddle-flaps, and on the bridle: value, £6 18s.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Charles Owen, milkman, Rangitikei Street, reports stolen, on the 31st ultimo, an old colonial-made saddle, newly seated, with green-hide girth; value, £2 10s.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 139.)

GREYTOWN NORTH.—Toki Paora's saddle, breast-plate, and saddle-cloth have been found.

WELLINGTON.—Halley and Ewing, Courtenay Place, report that, during the night of the 29th ultimo, their sash-and-door factory was broken into, and the following stolen: A Waterbury clock, three gougues—two 1¼in. one ½in., a square, screw-driver, eight chisels, assorted sizes (four made by Ward); three hand-saws (one marked AW), a new Diston's handsaw, three planes, and an oilstone; value, £3.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 122.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Breaking into and stealing from Thomas Armstrong's shop: the mackintosh, three pairs of trousers, and black coat and vest have been traced to the possession of George Stanton and John Wilson, who have been arrested for this offence by Detective William Maddern and Constable Marsack, Christchurch police. The remainder of the property has not been recovered. Stanton has been committed for trial, and Wilson discharged.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Edmund Hugh Coma, Spreydon, reports stolen from his stable, between the 27th ultimo and 2nd instant, a cart-horse saddle and breeching, nearly new, some of the buckles marked "Farmers' Co-operative Stores"; value, £3.

DUNEDIN.—Donald M. Stuart reports stolen from the gymnasium, at the Boys' High School, on the 22nd ultimo, an English silver lever hunting watch, glass broken, DMS on outer case; value, £4.

NELSON.—Arthur William Stallard and Horace McCabe, tobacconists, Trafalgar Street, report that, during the night of the 7th instant, their shop was broken into, and the following stolen: Four boxes "La Collection" cigars, a box each of Windsor and Henry Clay cigars, a morocco case containing an amber cigarette- and cigar-holder, ninety packages of Three Castle, Old Judge, Nestor Giamelas, and Vanity Fair cigarettes; eleven scarf-pins, different designs; ten imitation silver watch-guards, two silver-mounted briar-root pipes, in morocco case; two £1 notes, bank and numbers unknown; about £1 in silver and coppers, a 5s. piece which has been gilded and will bear a trace of same: total value, £11 6s.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Frank Hubble is charged on warrant with deserting his illegitimate child by Agnes Moles since the 16th ultimo. Description: Supposed English, about thirty years of age, about 5ft. 7½in. high, stout build, dark complexion, clean shaved except moustache; has been a sailor, and until recently was employed in the telephone-office at Palmerston North. He is known in Wellington, and may visit Dunedin, where his mother resides.

PAEROA.—William Dixon is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child by Hannah Pennell. Description: Colonial, a jockey, about twenty-three years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, slight build, fresh complexion, brown hair and moustache only, grey or light-blue eyes, smart appearance; usually wears a dark suit and black hard-felt hat. Was seen in Auckland on the 23rd instant. His brother works for the Hon. J. D. Ormond, at Hastings.

NAPIER.—Andrew Cavanagh is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of the Court to pay 5s. per week for the support of his mother. Description: A native of Napier, a baker, twenty-nine years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, dark hair, brown eyes, broad shoulders, good appearance, clean shaved except moustache, fond of smiling and showing his teeth; wore a dark-tweed suit. Last heard of at Bulls. He was £3 5s. in arrears on the 5th ultimo.

RAKAIA.—Joseph Brimmicombe is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child by Emma Murray. Description: A native of New Zealand, twenty-five years of age, 5ft. 10in. high, strong build, fair complexion and hair, small fair moustache, otherwise clean shaved, scar above and below left eye, one front upper tooth broken, left arm crooked; dressed in grey-tweed coat and vest, navy-blue trousers and light-coloured soft-felt hat. Has relatives in Christchurch, Wellington, and Pahiatua.

TEMUKA.—Thomas Radford is charged on warrant with neglecting to contribute towards the support of his illegitimate child by Alice Tawdry. Description: A native of New Zealand, twenty-three years of age, 5ft. 8in. or 9in. high, slight build, thin features, black hair, shaved except small black moustache, slightly bow-legged; generally wears a black suit, and hard black-felt hat; is likely to be working among horses. He was at Feilding in February last.

WAIKAIKA.—William Braithwaite is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of the Court to pay 3s. 6d. per week towards the support of his illegitimate child by Mary Ann Rowley. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, twenty-two years of age, about 5ft. 9in. high, medium build, pale sallow complexion, very small fair moustache only, fair hair, left eye blue, has lost the right eye; wore a dark-brown tweed suit and soft drab hat; slovenly appearance, and inclined to be round-shouldered. His mother lives on a small farm between Port Chalmers and Waitati. The sum of £16 1s. 6d. was in arrears on the 4th September last.

CHRISTCHURCH.—William Burgess is charged on warrant of commitment for two months' imprisonment for disobeying an order of Court to pay the sum of £8 5s. towards the maintenance of his illegitimate child. Description: Twenty-eight years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, stout build, sallow complexion, fair hair, small dark side-whiskers and moustache, walks as if one leg was shorter than the other; dressed in a dark suit. (See *Police Gazette*, 1894, page 194.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Herbert Thomas is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay 7s. 6d. a week towards the support of his illegitimate child by Janet Smith. Description: A native of New Zealand, a shoemaker or labourer, twenty-four years of age, about 5ft. 8in. high, slight build, black hair, small moustache only, good looking, smart appearance; dressed in a blue jacket and vest, grey trousers, and hard hat. The sum of £3 15s. was in arrears on the 25th July last.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Alexander White is charged on warrant with failing to support his illegitimate child by Mary Agnes Kennedy. Description: English, a seaman and shipmaster, well known in most New Zealand ports as "Captain" White, and formerly owner of the barque "Gannymede," about fifty-five years of age, about 5ft. 4in. high, strong stout build, fair florid complexion, full round features, brown hair beard whiskers and moustache turning grey, slightly bald. He left Christchurch for Wellington in January last. Has a wife and family at Timaru.