

DARGAVILLE.—Joseph Seymour, storekeeper, Te Kopuru, reports that on the 14th ultimo his premises were broken into, and the following stolen: An English silver lever open-faced watch, nearly new, point broken off the small hand, value £5; two watch-keys, 17lb. of Venus tobacco, nine pairs of blucher boots, thirteen pairs of pants, two suits of clothes, eight shirts, five pairs of stockings, twelve pairs of socks, two and a half yards of shirting, and sundry small articles: value, in all, about £20.

GISBORNE.—William Oswald Skeet, builder, reports stolen from a house in course of erection, near Patutahi, between the 23rd and 25th ultimo, five sheets of 5ft galvanised corrugated iron, Pyramid brand, two sheets of 6ft. ditto, Crown brand; seventeen lengths of 4½in. spouting, seventeen ditto, 5in.; three sheets of No. 10 zinc, four lengths of 2½in. down-pipe, two lengths of 2in. ditto; and about forty brackets for 2½in. spouting; value, £6.

GISBORNE.—Charles Evans, Te Arai, reports stolen from a wool-shed, during the night of the 21st ultimo, two cart-horse collars, small size, old; two pairs of hames, two pairs of wipers, one pair having brass buckles, the brass mounting of the eye-flap on near side missing; and an old cart-saddle with breeching; value, £5 15s. Maoris suspected.

ORMOND (POVERTY BAY).—Edward Valentine Luttrell reports stolen from his shed, on the 15th or 16th ultimo, two 5-gallon drums of lung-worm specific; value, £3 5s.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—William Dempsey is charged on warrant with having, on the 30th November, 1894, stolen from the premises of William Mead a calico tent, value 10s., since recovered. Offender is a native of Christchurch, thirty-six years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, fresh complexion, medium build, dark brown hair turning grey, grey eyes, large nose, dark moustache only, may have marks on face, the results of a recent fight; wore a dark-tweed coat and vest, dirty light-tweed trousers, and soft black-felt hat. (See also "Prisoners discharged from Wanganui Gaol," in this *Gazette*. Supposed to have gone towards Wellington.

PAHAUTANUI.—John Taylor, farmer, Tawa Flat, reports stolen from off a clothes-line on the 24th ultimo, a pair of light-tweed trousers, size 5, slit, about 1in. long on left hip; pair of new braces attached: value, £1 2s.

UPPER HUTT.—Matilda Dick reports stolen from off a clothes-line, on the 15th ultimo, three Crimean shirts—two blue and white, one red and white; a ladies' night-dress and pair of drawers; value, 18s.

WELLINGTON.—Mrs. Mary Foster, 78, Budd Street, Collingwood, Melbourne, reports stolen from a box in transit by rail from Longburn to Wellington, on the 15th or 16th January last, a ladies' gold open-faced Geneva watch, No. 9572, and a very small gold locket with shamrocks on back, place for initials on front, and a gentleman's photograph inside. Value not stated. (95/313.)

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 11.)

WELLINGTON.—John Fairbairn, charged with stealing Ulric Wirberg's watch (recovered) and chain, has been arrested by Constable F. J. Bishop, Wellington Police, and committed for trial. No trace of the chain has been obtained.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Henry Joseph Hopkins, storekeeper, Papanui Road, reports that on the 25th ultimo his shop was broken into, and 41lb. of tobacco, about £1 in silver, £2 in coppers, and two shillings worth of stamps stolen. Total value, £13 12s.

"**IONIC**," s.s. (LYTTELTON).—Walter Benjamin Burbridge, steward, reports stolen from his bunk, on the 25th ultimo, a 9-carat gold signet ring, WB (conjoined) on top, slight dent on side; value, £2.

METHVEN.—William Maginness, farmer, Springfield, reports stolen from off his pony, on the 29th January last, a bullock-hide saddle, light colonial make, nearly new, small flaps over knee-pads (turned up), pommel slightly rubbed, stirrup-irons very rusty, red-and-white web girth; value, £3.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

NAPIER.—William Clements is charged on warrant with deserting his wife and child since the 1st January, 1895. Description: A native of the colony, a labourer, thirty-four years of age, 5ft. 6½in. high, fresh complexion, brown hair, grey eyes, small nose, clean-shaved except fair moustache, anchor tattooed on left arm, scar on right arm; addicted to drink; usually wears brown-moleskin trousers, and soft

brown-felt hat with a rather narrow brim. (See also *Police Gazette*, 1894, page 115.) He was seen going towards Tara-dale on the 4th ultimo.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 29.)

MASTERTON.—Morgan O'Meara, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the support of his wife and children. This offender is said to have been seen in Wellington about the 12th ultimo. He was then clean-shaved except moustache, which has greatly altered his appearance. His sister, Mrs. Barnard, resides at Newtown, Wellington.

WELLINGTON.—Charles Pascoe is charged on warrant with having deserted his wife and child since the 28th ultimo. Description: A native of Germany, a labourer, thirty-three years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, stiff build, fresh complexion, fair hair, grey eyes, heavy fair moustache, speaks good English. He is supposed to have left for Sydney on the 23rd ultimo by s.s. "Manapouri," and is known to Inspector Atwell and Sergeant Baxter, of the Sydney police. Complainant, Rose Pascoe, care of Mrs. Evans, Lorne Street, Wellington.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Thomas Miln is charged on warrant with deserting his three children. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, thirty-three years of age, 5ft. 10in. high, stout build, ruddy complexion, dark hair beard whiskers and moustache, blue eyes; fond of drink and gambling. He left for the North Island about eight months ago. Complainant, John Miln, Halswell.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1894, page 29, and 1895, page 23.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Charles Griffin, charged with wife-desertion has been arrested by Constable J. M. Hobson, and discharged.

OUTRAM.—Donald Hunter is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of the Magistrate's Court, Dunedin, to pay 2s. per week towards the maintenance of his father. Description: A native of the colony, a labourer, about twenty-three years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, medium build, pale complexion, blue eyes, regular features, fair hair, small fair moustache and side whiskers; usually wears a light-coloured suit, and brown billy-cock hat. Said to be harvesting in the Oamaru district.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

HAMILTON (WAIKATO).—James Neilson (also known as "Jock"), is charged on warrant with having, at Tawhare, about February, 1894, stolen a gelding (recovered), value £12, the property of Charles Newton Le Quesne. Offender is a colonial, a labourer, about twenty years of age, 5ft. 9in. high, fair hair and complexion, no hair on face, stout build; wears a dark-tweed sac-suit and a soft black-felt hat. He was seen in Auckland about four weeks ago, and spoke of returning to Gisborne, but may be employed on one of the cutters trading on the East Coast. His brother is a wheelwright at Paeroa. He sold the horse to Charles Short, of Thames, on the 30th May last, and it is now in possession of Thomas Hoskings, at Karaka Creek.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 30.)

MARTON.—William Butterworth, charged with stealing Ephraim Puekey's mare and foal (recovered), has been arrested by Constable A. M. Moon, and remanded.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 19.)

PALMERSTON NORTH.—William Maxwell's pony has been found.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Charles Horwell, Belfast, reports stolen from a paddock, on the 18th ultimo, a brown hack-gelding, black points, three years old, 15½ hands high, small white star on forehead, scar on off rump, no brands, in good condition, value £20; also an old colonial-made saddle, leather worn off round cantle, with crupper, old stirrup-irons, leather girth, and an old single bridle, with plated snaffle-bit, reins patched; value £1 4s.

Missing Friends.

BLYDE.—Information is requested concerning the whereabouts of Albert Walter Blyde, a native of Sussex, England, a clerk, twenty-three years of age, 5ft. 8½in. high, dark hair and eyelashes, grey or blue eyes, dimple and mole on chin, mole on left side of neck, one upper front tooth out, right hand covered with warts. He left Eltham, Taranaki, about the 14th January last, for Wellington, and expressed his intention of leaving the colony. Inquirer, Adele J. Nelson, formerly Goff, of New Plymouth, who is with child by him.

JAMES BOYLAN OR LEVER is inquired for through the Napier Police with a view to compelling him to provide for