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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.

ARSON.

ELTHAM.—During the night of the 23rd ultimo the shop of Joseph Embling, bootmaker, was wilfully set on fire and damaged to the extent of about £5. The building and stock was insured in the Phoenix Office for £100, the value being about £70 more.

PICTON.—On the 2nd ultimo an unoccupied four-roomed cottage, value about £35, the property of Mrs. Isabella Atkinson, of Rangiora, Canterbury, was wilfully destroyed by fire, a quantity of manuka branches, old scrim, and hay having been placed in the lean-to and ignited.

Offences not Otherwise Described.

AUCKLAND.—Henry Cuthbertson is charged on warrant with the theft, on the 5th, 13th, and 29th August last respectively, of £5 3s. 11d., £1 16s. 10d., and £3 1s. 9d., moneys of John Lawson, Official Assignee in bankruptcy. Description: Scotch, about forty-one years of age, 5ft. 7in. or 8in. high, medium build, dark hair and complexion, full dark whiskers neatly trimmed, stoops slightly; usually wears a walking-coat, hard-felt hat, and dark-tweed trousers. Offender, who carried on the business of a grain merchant in Durham Street, was adjudged a bankrupt on the 4th August, 1896, and received the above-mentioned sums, but failed to account for them to the Assignee. His defalcations amount to about £70, and he is further charged with falsifying his books.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 115.)

AUCKLAND.—Henry Putland, charged on warrant of commitment in default of paying a fine and costs, has been arrested by Constable W. J. Rist, Whitianga police, and conveyed to Auckland Gaol.

PUKEKOHE.—Arthur Samuel Crawford is charged on warrant with having assaulted Ethel, a school-girl, on the 23rd ultimo. Description: Supposed Irish, thirty-five to forty years of age, 5ft. 4in. high, stout build, sallow complexion, light-sandy or reddish beard whiskers and moustache,

peculiar manner, talks to himself; wore a grey-tweed suit and straw hat with large leaf. Has been in a lunatic asylum.

NAPIER.—William Boyle has disobeyed the terms of his release under "The First Offenders' Probation Act, 1886," by failing to report himself. Description: A native of New Zealand, a blacksmith, thirty-eight years of age, 5ft. 8½in. high, sandy complexion, dark auburn hair, blue eyes, large nose, strong build, retreating chin, rather bow-legged, right thumb-nail split, scar on left ear, nose, &c. (See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 120 and 123.) He reported himself at Waihi during September last, saying he was going to Te Puke, but has not been seen there or heard from since. His wife lives in Hawera. Information as to his whereabouts is requested by the Probation Officer, Napier.

HASTINGS.—George E. Hayes is charged (no warrant) with the theft, on the 2nd ultimo, of a colonial-made saddle, each flap having a patch from cattle downwards; a solid leather girth, stirrup-leathers worn thin at edges, large oval-shaped nickel irons with three bars and flat bottoms, a blue saddle-cloth tied to the saddle with leather laces, and a very thin black-leather double-reined bridle with silver-plated bit; value, £3 5s.; the property of Alexander Clarus Lean, livery-stable keeper. Hayes is supposed English, a station-cadet, about twenty-eight years of age, about 6ft. high, slender build, black hair, rather prominent Roman nose, long thin face, bad front teeth, clean-shaved, constantly smokes cigarettes; horsey dress, drab breeches with leggings to match, very open vest showing plenty of shirt-front; has a black mackintosh cape, and is riding a roan mare in good condition. He borrowed the saddlery so as to be able to ride home to Te Mata Station, where he was working, but took it away with him from Te Mata on the above-mentioned date. If his whereabouts is ascertained the Hastings police should be at once informed, and complainant will then lay an information for theft.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 166.)

INVERCARGILL.—John Mackay, charged on warrant of commitment in default of paying a fine, has been arrested at Dunedin by Constable W. B. McIlveney, Invercargill police.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person, &c.

THAMES.—James Sawyer, billiard-marker, Royal Hotel, reports stolen, between the 7th and 9th ultimo, three billiard-balls—two white, one red, the latter identifiable; value, £3 3s. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, of whom the only description that can be given is that he was dressed in dirty grey trousers, brown coat, and soft black-felt hat; had a moustache only. He went to Auckland by steamer, and can be identified.

PAEROA.—Christopher Shaw, miner, Karangahake, reports that, on the 17th ultimo, his dwelling was broken into, and the following stolen: A silver lever hunting-watch, No. 168515, makers Crow and Son, Melbourne, value £5; a silver chain, small links, value 15s.; and 8s. in silver.