

was recovered by the latter constable, but no trace of the other articles has been obtained. McLean and Cunningham were sentenced by the Lyttelton Bench to one month each, and Haydon discharged.

ASHBURTON.—Reginald Curtis, auctioneer, reports stolen from the Arcade, on the 18th ultimo, a cocoanut carriage-mat, about 3ft. by 2ft.; value, 10s.

ASHBURTON.—Henry Paget, blacksmith, Hinds, reports stolen from the Arcade, during the night of the 18th ultimo, a pair of new double trap-steps; value, £1 6s.

ASHBURTON.—David Thomas, auctioneer, reports stolen from the Arcade, on the 18th or 19th ultimo, a draught-harness collar, small hole in lining; a pair of draught hames, and leather breeching: value, £2.

PALMERSTON SOUTH.—Hock Ken and Hock Louie, Horse Flat, Macrae's, report stolen from their claim, on the 11th or 12th ultimo, about a hundred pounds' worth of gold.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 214.)

MILTON.—The New Zealand Loan and Trust Company's fleeces have been recovered and traced to the possession of Robert Brown, alias Gardiner, and James Gray, who were arrested by the Clinton and Tapanui police for a similar theft, and sentenced to six months' labour.

ROXBURGH.—The Roxburgh Amalgamated Mining and Sluicing Company report stolen from a shed at Dismal Swamp, since the end of June last, a quantity of sawn timber, including five red-pine planks, each 15ft. by 12in. by 2in.; an iron bucket, a spade, and a wheelbarrow: value in all, £4 15s.

DUNEDIN.—R. A. Johnston, clerk, Land Office, reports stolen from the rifle-range, Pelichet Bay, on the 12th ultimo, a small-sized field-glass with silver-plated centre screw; value, £4.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

AUCKLAND.—Patrick Nolan is charged on warrant of apprehension with unlawfully deserting his two children under the age of fourteen years since the 12th ultimo. Description: A colonial Irish parentage, forty years of age, 5ft. 9in. high, well built, fair moustache, shaves on cheeks, and usually grows a light-coloured goatee, dark curly hair, grey eyes, small piece out of the lobe of left ear, Roman nose, fond of drink, and very talkative. He is supposed to have gone to Coromandel.

AUCKLAND.—Thomas Garlick is charged on warrant of apprehension with disobeying an order of Court made on the 8th February, 1893, to pay 5s. a week towards the maintenance of each of his three children. Description: A native of New Zealand, forty-three years of age, about 5ft. 4in. high, swarthy complexion, light brown hair, dark-blue eyes, TG and dot tattooed on right arm, scar on nose and on ball of right thumb. (See *Police Gazette*, 1891, page 192, and 1894, page 193.) The sum of £141 was in arrears up to the 7th October, 1896.

CARTERTON.—George Vickerstaff is charged on warrant with having deserted his wife Sarah since the 14th June, 1896. Description: English, thirty-six years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, well built, fair hair and complexion, may be clean-shaved, a labourer, usually works as benchman at saw-mills. His brother, John Vickerstaff, is a miner at Coromandel.

NAPIER.—Edward McSherry is charged on warrant to arrest with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child by Margaret Elizabeth Hudson, since about March last. Description: Colonial, a watchmaker, twenty-five years of age, about 5ft. 6in. high, medium build, dark-brown hair, clean-shaved except fair moustache, light-blue eyes, stoops forward when walking and keeps his head down, an old scar on forehead and brown birth-mark on throat near or under shirt-collar, smart lively manner. He travelled round the country for Williams and Co., watchmakers, of Waipawa, doing repairs and obtaining orders, and is now supposed to have gone to Wanganui or Auckland. His father is an Inspector of Permanent-way for the Railway Department at Hamilton or Cambridge. Photograph of accused at Inspector's Office, Napier.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 151.)

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Henry Walter Dixon, charged with wife-desertion, has been arrested by Constable T. Hickman, Pungarehu police, and remanded to Palmerston North.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 201 and 208.)

WELLINGTON.—Henry Burton, charged with wife-desertion, has been arrested at Napier by Detective W. L. Chrystal, on information supplied by the Wellington police.

HAVELOCK (MARLBOROUGH).—William Guest is charged on warrant of commitment to the Terrace (Wellington) Gaol for disobeying an order of Court to pay 8s. a month towards the support of his mother. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, about twenty-seven years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, slight build, small features, long fair moustache. Offender left his employment at Ohingaiti soon after being summoned, and was seen in Wellington on the 2nd ultimo. He was then dressed in a black sac coat and vest, grey-tweed trousers, and soft black hat.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 167 and 175.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Robert Boswell, charged with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child: This warrant has been cancelled.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1895, pages 47 and 55; and 1896, page 23.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Frederick William Ansley, charged with deserting his two children, has been arrested at Wanganui by Sergeant E. Villars, on information supplied by the Christchurch police, and remanded to Christchurch.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 93.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—John Napier, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the support of his wife and children, has been arrested by Constable J. Clifford, Waihi police, and remanded to Christchurch.

OPHIR.—Dy Chung is charged on warrant to apprehend with failing to support his illegitimate children by Mary Howard, since the 23rd December, 1896. Description: A Chinese miner, forty-two years of age, 5ft. 3in. high, stout build, very fair complexion, slight burn-scar on left side of face, rather good-looking, well educated, speaks good English; stylishly dressed in a greyish-tweed coat, black-tweed trousers and vest, and soft black-felt hat; wears the usual pigtail; smart appearance. He is supposed to have gone to Dunedin, where his brother works at Wy Kee's, Walker Street; or may visit Hokitika, where he kept a store some years ago, and has money owing to him.

Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 32 and 39.)

JOHN JAMES PRITCHARD, deserter from the "Goldfinch," has been arrested at Gisborne by Constable J. Smith, and committed to the Wellington Gaol to await arrival of the "Wallaroo."

Deserter from Merchant Vessel.

From the Barque "Letterewe," at Oamaru.

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ANANIAS BARNES, English, seventeen years of age, about 5ft. 7in. high, slender build, fair complexion, tall for his age.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

DEVONPORT (AUCKLAND).—Henry Alfred Home Monro, gentleman, Lake Takapuna, reports stolen from a paddock, on the 16th or 17th ultimo, a dark-bay carriage-horse, black points, five years old, 15 hands high, branded O behind near shoulder, white patch on nose, two small white spots on near side of wither; value, £14.

PUKEKOHE (AUCKLAND).—Esther Waugh, Papanata, reports stolen from a paddock, on the 21st instant, a light-bay draught gelding, 15½ hands high, white blaze on face, no shoes, small mark of an old cut on near breast; value, £20. Suspicion attached to William Ford and George Henry Watson, who were recently in complainant's employ. Ford is a native of Auckland, twenty-one years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, medium build, light-brown hair, small light moustache only; dressed in grey clothes and grey-cloth hat. Watson is a colonial, twenty-four years of age, 5ft. 8in. high, slender build, dark hair and small dark moustache; wore a dark coat and vest, bluish pants, yellow leggings, low black silky hat, and goggles.