

other a little shorter. They were both dressed in light clothes, and, their hands being soft, were probably not working-men. Complainant is unable to identify them.

AUCKLAND.—Packer Misskin is charged on warrant with the theft, about the 4th December, 1896, of a quantity of furniture, value £10, the property of Benjamin Greenwood and Joe Chum Deep. Offender is a half-caste Arab, a cook, about forty-three years of age, but looks younger, about 5ft. 6in. high, very dark hair and complexion, clean-shaved except dark moustache, medium build; usually wears a dark suit and soft brown-felt hat, and sometimes white trousers. He obtained the property for the purpose of starting a boarding-house, and had it sold at Jones's auction mart, Queen Street.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 149, 157, and 165.)

AUCKLAND.—Henry Arthur, default of fines for illegally taking and having oysters in his possession: These warrants have been cancelled.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 192 and 200.)

AUCKLAND.—James Wilson, default of fine for illegally taking oysters: This warrant has been cancelled.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 213.)

PUKEKOHE.—Arthur Samuel Crawford, charged with having assaulted Ethel Wright, has been arrested by Constable P. J. McGovern, and sentenced to fourteen days' labour.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 200 and 207.)

NAPIER.—William Boyle, inquired for by the Probation Officer, is working at the Thames, and has reported himself.

FEATHERSTON.—Joseph James is charged on warrant with false pretences on William Toogood, storekeeper, on the 22nd ultimo. Description: Nineteen years of age, 6ft. 1in. high, youthful appearance, slight build, dark hair, none on face. May be wearing a new blue-serge suit and new boots, value £5, which he obtained from complainant by means of a valueless order, and left for Wellington on the above date.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Charles Wilkins is charged on warrant of commitment to the Terrace Gaol, Wellington, for three days' labour in default of paying 15s. 6d., fine and costs for wilfully damaging a fence. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, twenty-one years of age, 5ft. 8½in. high, medium build, light-blue eyes, thin face, fair hair and complexion, small sandy moustache only; dressed when last seen in a grey-tweed sac suit and hard brown-felt hat. He was served with a summons at Wellington, but failed to appear.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Daniel Cunningham McIntyre, commission agent, reports that between 12.15 and 6 a.m. on the 25th ultimo his horse, value £20, was maliciously stabbed in the neck and killed, while running in a paddock at the Caledonian Road, St. Albans.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Thomas Watts, manager, skin-preserving works, Inlington, reports that between 7.30 p.m. on the 24th and 9 a.m. on the 25th ultimo his horse, value £15, was maliciously stabbed in the breast and killed, while running in a paddock off North Street, St. Albans.

DUNEDIN.—Jane Stark, shop-assistant, reports that about 11.15 p.m. on the 12th instant she was assaulted at St. Clair by a young man, who attempted to commit a rape on her. Offender is about twenty-one years of age, fair complexion, clean-shaved, wore dark clothes and a straw hat. Not identifiable.

PALMERSTON SOUTH.—The Shag Point Coal Company report that, on the 19th or 20th ultimo, a wheel in their pit was maliciously broken and damaged to the extent of £10.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 200.)

NELSON.—Harry Fuller, charged with the theft of a cheque, the property of Eugene Joseph O'Connor, has been arrested, at Glenmark Station, by Detective W. Maddern, Christchurch police, and remanded to Nelson.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person, &c.

AUCKLAND.—William Joseph Ralph, gentleman, Waitemata Street, reports stolen from his dwelling, on the 17th ultimo, a gold hunting stop-watch, chased, maker Louisson, Auckland, number unknown, E.V.R. engraved outside front case and inside back case; and a gold albert chain, long

smooth links of medium thickness, each stamped 18c., with gold bar and silver pencil-case attached: value, £38.

AUCKLAND.—Mrs. Kate Thomas reports stolen from her, on the 19th ultimo, a black leather purse, oblong shape, nearly new, containing three £5 and three £1 notes, about £1 in silver, and three return saloon tickets, Coromandel-Auckland; total value, £19 12s. 6d.

AUCKLAND.—John B. Wolstenholme, billiard-marker, reports stolen from his bedroom, at Warkworth House, Queen Street, on the 25th or 26th ultimo, a brown-serge sac coat and vest, a tan-coloured pocket-book, a £1 note, a gold scarf-pin, pearl in centre, and case for same; a silver lever open-faced watch, maker Drinkwater, Coventry, number unknown, "J. B. Wolstenholme" engraved inside; and a split ring, inscribed "An open door would tempt a saint": value, in all, £8 10s. 6d.

AUCKLAND.—Thomas Jackson, gum-digger, reports that on the 30th ultimo he was assaulted in the Albert Park by two men, who robbed him of £1 19s. in silver. Description of offenders: First, about thirty years of age, 6ft. high, fair complexion, large sandy moustache, stout build, shabbily dressed in a dark-felt hat, light-tweed coat, and dark trousers. Second, about twenty-seven years of age, about 5ft. high, clean-shaved except sandy moustache, slight build; dressed in dark-grey trousers, Crimean shirt, and soft black-felt hat with no band, no coat. They can be identified. No warrant.

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

AUCKLAND.—Breaking into and stealing from David Elstone's dwelling: William Knox, alias John Johnston, has been arrested by Constable W. A. Bailey, and remanded. The marble clock has been recovered and traced to the possession of accused.

PAEROA.—James Muir, miner, reports stolen from the Tramway Hotel, Karangahake, on the 25th November last, a gentlemen's silver lever Rotherhams hunting-watch, No. 19790, "289" scratched on the inside of front case; value, £5 5s.

WAIHI.—Frederick Lear, miner, reports stolen from his hut, on the 18th or 19th ultimo, five £1 notes, bank and numbers unknown. Suspicion attached to Walter Delaney, who occupied the hut with complainant, and is still living in Waihi. Description: A native of New South Wales, about thirty-six years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, blue eyes, red hair and moustache, face much freckled.

NAPIER.—Frederick Anderson, billiard-room-keeper, reports stolen, between the 6th and 25th November last, a tweed coat and vest, small brown-and-white-check pattern, coat square-cut in front, lining of vest somewhat soiled or discoloured; value, £2 10s. Suspicion attached to Henry Shellam, a native of Napier, nineteen years of age, slim build, about 5ft. 6in. high, light-brown hair, no hair on face except perhaps a very slight moustache, usually wears a drab or light check suit. The place was broken into on the night of the first-above-mentioned date, and a number of articles stolen, for which a young man named Alfred Hutchins has been committed for trial. Suspect was an associate of Hutchins's, who states that Shellam took the coat and vest. He is said to have gone to Gisborne about the 10th ultimo.

WELLINGTON.—Thomas Brooker, painter, 71, Majoribank Street, reports stolen from his dwelling, on the 9th ultimo, a long silver watch-chain, long and short links; a small oval-shaped gold locket, chased on each side, with small gold bar across front case; and an imitation-diamond neck-stud, rather long, with silver back: total value, £1 2s.

JOHNSONVILLE.—George P. Payne, storekeeper, Porirua, reports that on the 29th ultimo his premises were burglariously entered, and 50lb. of tobacco—"Venus," "Juno," and "Ruby twist"—1s. 6d., and some tins of fruit, value £14, stolen. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, about 5ft. 10in. high, dark, with short bushy beard; dressed in a dark-tweed suit and hard hat. He was seen in Porirua during the early part of the night.

CARTERTON.—James T. McHarg, Clareville, reports that on the 22nd or 23rd ultimo his premises were broken into, and about £2 18s. worth of tobacco stolen. Suspicion attached to Alfred Yates, living in the vicinity. (For description, see *Police Gazette*, 1895, page 158.)

LYTTELTON.—Elizabeth Spencer, Strickland Street, Spreydon, reports stolen from her at the Lyttelton Railway-station, on the 16th ultimo, a black morocco-leather purse,