

containing a half-sovereign, and two Union Steamship Company's tickets for the Akaros Regatta.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Mrs. Kate Leahy, of Oxford, reports stolen from a dwelling at Halswell, near Christchurch, on the 15th ultimo, a ladies' gold Geneva keyless hunting-watch, No. 86358, winder discoloured, value £10; a plaited black-silk guard, value 7s. 6d.; a brown-leather purse containing 5s.; a gold pin, engraved K.L., value £1 10s.; and two railway return tickets, Christchurch-Oxford and Christchurch-Kaiapoi respectively.

LINCOLN.—Robert Jones, swagger, reports stolen from a hut, on the 16th or 17th ultimo, a large-sized double-cased English lever watch, bought in Dunedin about twenty-five years ago, maker Hislop, number unknown, R.J. on inside of case; value, £5.

DUNEDIN.—Thomas Snell, *alias* Baker, *alias* Stewart, is charged on warrant with the theft from the Occidental Boardinghouse, Manse Street, on the 11th ultimo, of a bicycle, value £15, the property of Ambrose William Wellsford, storeman; since recovered. Offender is supposed a colonial, twenty-one years of age, between 5ft. 9in. and 5ft. 11in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, sandy hair, little or no moustache, otherwise clean-shaved, one upper front tooth missing, fond of drink; dressed, when last seen, in a dark sac suit, hard black-felt hat, and stand-up collar; professes to be a cabinetmaker and polisher, but has been employed in billiard-rooms, which places he frequents; has a yellow iron trunk with him. He pledged the bicycle at Jacob's pawn office on the day of the theft, and is supposed to have left for the North Island. His parents are said to be living at New Plymouth or Hawera, but he spoke of going to Auckland. There are other charges pending against him.

INVERCARGILL.—Arthur James Thomson, Waikiwi, reports stolen from his hut, on the 21st ultimo, a gold mounted hair watch-guard, with mosaic jewel and greenstone pendant attached. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, who stayed at complainant's during the previous night. Description: Supposed colonial, about twenty-eight years of age but looks much younger, about 5ft. 6in. high, medium build, sallow or sunburnt complexion, medium-sized nose and mouth, eyes supposed grey, brown hair with reddish tint; dressed in a dark coat and vest, slate coloured trousers, hard black hat, black tie, and white dickie; had a white-metal chain, curb pattern; shows a seaman's discharge and certificate.

INVERCARGILL.—David William McKay, auctioneer, Eye Street, reports that on the 22nd ultimo his dwelling was broken into, and the following stolen: About 9s. in silver, an old 5s. piece, a Jubilee shilling, five coins—Russian, French, American, Mexican, and Indian respectively—and some others that cannot be described.

AHAURA.—John Booth, engine-driver, Hahn's sawmill, reports that on the 16th ultimo his dwelling was burglariously entered, and the following stolen: A new coat and vest, made of Fox's serge by Christopher Smith, of Grey-mouth, value £5 5s.; a pair of light saddle-tweed trousers, value £1; a gold-mounted hair-guard, value £3 10s. (recovered); a threepenny coin with a hole in it, a penny, half-penny, two silk handkerchiefs (one maroon, the other white), a double-bladed pocketknife, a three-bladed ditto, and a pair of braces.

Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

THAMES.—Lemuel John Bagnall, Turua, reports stolen from off a clothes-line, on the 8th or 9th ultimo, six white Turkish towels, an unbleached linen table-cloth, a pair of men's merino drawers, a suit of striped flannel pyjamas, a print dress with black ground and small pink flower pattern, two pairs of dark-blue woollen socks with white toes and heels, two grey-flannel undershirts, a pair of brown-merino socks, two pairs of ladies' black stockings, and a grey woollen shirt; value, £2 15s. 6d.

"FLORA," s.s. (NAPIER).—Edward Gibbs, commercial traveller, care of E. W. Mills and Co., Wellington, reports stolen from the saloon landing, on the 30th November last, a dark and grey pilot-cloth overcoat, sloop Chesterfield make, "Kirkealdie and Stains" supposed on tab; value, £2.

NAPIER.—Alias Coory Abraham, Assyrian hawker, reports stolen from the woolshed at Mohaka, on the 11th ultimo, a colonial grey-tweed paget coat, size 5; three pairs of trousers, similar material; a pair of black-tweed trousers, English make, size 7; a pair of grey-tweed trousers, size 4;

and a pair of brownish tweed ditto with dark stripes, size 7; total value, £7. Maoris who were shearing at the station suspected.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 208 and 214.)

DANNEVIRKE.—Thomas Fitzsimmons and (Josiah) Woods, charged with the theft of David Smith's tent and fly, have been arrested by Constable W. J. Butler, Hastings police, and remanded to Dannevirke. Stolen property found in possession of Woods.

OPUNAKE.—J. T. Roberts reports stolen from his trap, on the 23rd ultimo, a brown-paper parcel, containing a new suit of Kaiapoi tweed, dark steel-grey colour, size 6; value, £2 15s.

WANGANUI.—Cornelius O'Leary, carter, reports stolen from off his horse, on the 15th ultimo, a colonial-made bullockhide saddle, considerably worn, piece torn off in front, saddletree and one stirrup-leather broken and repaired; and a common snaffle-bridle, with horseshoe buckles: value, £1 10s. Supposed to have been taken by the person who stole Jessie Dallas's grey gelding during the same night. (See "Horse- and Cattle-stealing.")

OTAKI.—Arthur Drake, Waikawa, reports stolen from a shed, on the 7th or 8th ultimo, about thirty fleeces, shorn from Romney Marsh sheep; value, £6. Identification doubtful.

WELLINGTON.—E. H. Beere, surveyor, reports stolen from his office, between the 26th November last and 21st ultimo, an ebony level in tan-leather case, makers Littlejohn and Son; value, £2 10s.

JOHNSONVILLE.—William Jillett, sheep-farmer, Porirua, reports stolen, about the 4th ultimo, a 19-gallon cask of cider, label addressed from Fletcher, Humphries, and Co., Cathedral Square, Christchurch, to complainant, with L. & Co., W., in ink thereon; value, £3.

JOHNSONVILLE.—Between midnight of the 27th and 5 a.m. of the 28th ultimo the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Company's station was broken into, and the safe abstracted and partly forced open, but the thieves, being, it is supposed, disturbed, did not succeed in stealing anything therefrom.

PETONE.—Between midnight of the 25th and 7 a.m. on the 26th ultimo the Government Railway-station was broken into, and an unsuccessful attempt made to force the safe open.

CARTERTON.—During the night of the 22nd ultimo the Government Railway-station was broken into, but nothing stolen.

LOWER HUTT.—Edward Joshua Riddiford, farmer, reports stolen from his stable, during the night of the 27th ultimo, a colonial-made saddle with knee pads, about half worn, strand leather girth, rusty steel stirrups, stirrup-leathers broken at buckles, one repaired with twine and the other with galvanised wire; value, £4. Also, stolen during the night of the 29th ultimo, a pair of silver-plated hames and leather traces, rein-ring fastened in eyes and not standing up; a leather collar and a pair of blinkers, square blinds, bit-straps broken and tied with boot-lace; value, £2.

LOWER HUTT.—Thomas Paul Allen, farmer, reports stolen from his stable, during the night of the 27th ultimo, a colonial-made saddle with knee-pads, nearly new, white lining, strand-leather girth, slightly rat-eaten in centre, rusty stirrup-irons; value, £2 5s.

LOWER HUTT.—Thomas Burt, storekeeper, reports stolen from his stable, between the 27th and 30th ultimo, a patent-leather silver-mounted saddle and breeching (light-trap harness), bellyband broken and rather short, buckle of backband gone and tied with a bootlace; and a pair of driving-reins, not much worn: value, £4 10s.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Frederick Thomas Pannell, bootmaker, reports stolen from the passage of the Empire Hotel, on the 10th ultimo, a gentleman's new Atlanta bicycle, No. 666, makers Bays and Son, Christchurch; cork handles rat-trap pedals, clip on handle-bar cracked: value, £24.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 183.)

BARQUE "PLEIADES," LYTTELTON.—Stealing from Frank Howard's chest: The following arrests have been made for this offence: John McLean, *alias* James McLean, by Constable T. J. McCormack, Lyttelton; Robert Haydon, by Constable G. Fitzgerald, Lyttelton; and Donald Cunningham, by Constable E. Egan, Havelock. The stolen watch