

the thoroughbred mare "Edith Mary," by "Dolphin," brown with black points, fine bone, six years old, about 14½ hands high; value, £25.

OHINGAITI.—Edward Pohe Chase, bullock-driver, Raetihi, reports stolen from Stoke's Yard, Ohingaiti, during March, 1895, a light-bay gelding, 16 hands high, branded TC on shoulder; value, £20.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 78.)

WAIOTARA.—George Smith's mare was sold to Alexander Hatrick, Wanganui, on the 12th April, 1896, by a man who gave the name of J. Williams, which is probably fictitious. He is described as supposed colonial, twenty-six or twenty-seven years of age, 5ft. 6in. or 7in. high, stoutish build, fair complexion, fair moustache only; wore a dark suit. Can be identified. Warrant issued by Wanganui Bench.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 215.)

WANGANUI.—Harry Pitt, alias George Versey or Vesey, charged with the theft of Hamarama's two mares (recovered): This offender called at the Tapuaecharu Maori settlement, near Taupo, about the 20th ultimo, and went in the direction of Thames, saying he was going to Waihi. He has now a very small fair moustache, was riding a bay horse (probably stolen), and carried a small swag. His arrest is very important.

WAIPAWA.—Thomas Jeffrer Pendary, carter, reports stolen on the 19th ultimo a bay gelding, light-hack breed, about three years old, about 15½ hands high, branded R on off shoulder, white saddle-mark on off side of back, a good jumper, shod all round; value, £8.

ASHBURTON.—Arthur George Williams, labourer, Tinwald, reports stolen from a paddock at Clent Hills Station, Ashburton Gorge, between the 20th and 24th ultimo, a bay trotting mare, black points, eight years old, about 15 hands high, no brands, white streak down face, Roman nose, a small piece of flesh protruding at corner of near eye, one hind fetlock white, forelegs puffed, scar resembling a barbed-wire cut on inside of off foreleg; value, £12.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 215.)

OXFORD (CANTERBURY).—Stealing Thomas Shea's gelding, saddle, and bridle: The suspect, William Smith, has been arrested by Constable J. Weatherley, Bealey police, for this offence, and committed for trial. Stolen property recovered.

Missing Friends.

ZIMMERMAN.—Information is requested as to the whereabouts of Auguste Zimmerman, a native of Waggis, Switzerland, who arrived in Australia some ten or twelve years ago, and was in Sydney until 1893, when he informed his parents that he intended going to New Zealand. He is inquired for by the Swiss Consul at Sydney, in matters of legacy, his father having died since. (97/61.)

MYERS.—Information is requested concerning John Myers, a native of Balenno, County Cork, Ireland, who was discharged from the 65th Regiment in this colony at his own request. His present age would be about fifty-four years. Inquiry is made by his mother, Margaret Myers, 33, Warren Street, Saratoga Springs, New York. (96/1522.)

Miscellaneous Information.

Resignations.

FIRST-CLASS SERGEANT RICHARD GAMBLE, No. 28.
SECOND-CLASS SERGEANT JOHN MCMAHON, No. 206.

Discharge on Compensation.

CONSTABLE DAVID SHAW, No. 89.

Dismissals.

CONSTABLE TIMOTHY MCCARTHY, No. 317.
CONSTABLE THOMAS QUIRKE, No. 627.

Rewards.

CONSTABLE J. POLAND, No. 687, Wellington police, has been awarded £5 from the Reward Fund for having at great personal risk stopped a runaway horse attached to a buggy in which were two children. (97/22.)

SERGEANT E. MACDONELL, No. 179, and Constable J. BUTROWS, No. 497, Invercargill police, have been awarded £2 and £3 respectively for services in obtaining a conviction against Annie Cox, fined £30 and costs for sly-grog selling at Cromarty. (97/57.)

CONSTABLE T. GRIFFITH, No. 433, Balclutha Police, has been awarded £4 for obtaining convictions against W. Hay and J. Anderson for sly-grog-selling. (96/1649.)

Accidents or Injuries to Members of the Force to be reported immediately.

(Circular No. 2/97.)

It is notified for general information and guidance that in future when any member of the Force meets with any accident or injury, when on or off duty, an immediate report of all the circumstances in connection with the matter is to be made through the Inspector in charge of the district to this office.

By order.

A. HUME,
Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 15th January, 1897.

Dog-tax not to be collected by Police.

(Circular No. 3/97.)

FOR some time past it has been the custom for the police to assist the County Councils and borough authorities by collecting the dog-tax for them in some localities at a small remuneration, but, as it has been found that this duty often brings the police in contact with the people in an undesirable way, and possibly deprives some unemployed persons of a small annual income, it has been decided that in future this tax will not be collected by the police, and Inspectors are directed to so inform their subordinates, who are to make immediate arrangements for handing over this work, and prevent any such duty being undertaken by members of the Force in future. Circular No. 7/91 is hereby cancelled.

By order.

A. HUME,
Commissioner of Police.
(97-65.)

Wellington, 15th January, 1897.

Penalties for supplying Liquor to Female Aboriginal Natives.

(Circular No. 4/97.)

THE attention of the department having been called to a statement that some leading Maoris are in the habit, when Maori meetings take place at their settlements, of obtaining a quantity of beer and supplying it for indiscriminate consumption to both sexes of their race, it is notified for general information and guidance that, in accordance with section 24, "Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act Amendment, 1895," "Any person who sells or in any way gives or supplies, or allows to be sold, given, or supplied, any liquor to any female aboriginal native whomsoever, commits an offence, and is liable to a penalty of not less than two nor more than ten pounds: provided that this section shall not apply to any female aboriginal being the wife of a European." Inspectors are directed to issue such instructions as they may deem necessary to insure this clause being given effect to, and any person found disobeying it is to be at once prosecuted.

By order.

A. HUME,
Commissioner of Police.
(97/66.)

Wellington, 15th January, 1897.

Reports.

(Circular No. 5/97.)

THE attention of all concerned is called to Police Regulation No. 81, and reports from subordinate members of the Force should commence and conclude as follows:—

REPORT of 1st Class Sergeant Thomas Atkins, No. 2001, relative to—

"THOMAS ATKINS,
"1st Class Sergeant, No. 2001."

By order.

A. HUME,
Commissioner of Police.

Wellington, 19th January, 1897.

Extract from New South Wales Police Gazette.

(From *Gazette*, 1896, page 461.)

MILPARINKA.—A warrant has been issued by the Milparinka Bench for the arrest of William Fowler Chapman, charged with uttering a forged cheque for £7 10s. on the Bank of Australasia, Broken Hill, to Robert Kelly, at Milparinka, on the 7th ultimo. Offender is forty to forty-five years of age, 5ft. 5in. or 6in. high, stoutish build, dark complexion, very dark brown hair tinged with grey, long dark-brown moustache only, sharp features, prominent nose, sharp at point; often suffers from rheumatism, and sometimes walks lame; generally wears blue-serge sac-coat, and grey-tweed trousers too long, and tucked up at bottom; fond of calling himself a "B.A." of Cambridge University, and Oxford scholar; has a deliberate manner when speaking; was employed as secretary to gold-mining syndicate. May go to New Zealand, Adelaide, or Western Australia.