

on the 26th ultimo, and rode the stolen bicycle in the direction of the Wairarapa. He is described as about nineteen years of age, about 5ft. 5in. high, brown hair, no hair on face: dressed in a rough tweed knicker-bocker suit, between light and dark colour, coat having a plait down the back and a belt, lace-up boots, and straw hat. The bicycle is now said to have a new seat.

WELLINGTON.—George Allen, fitter, at Mason, Struthers, and Co., Christchurch, reports stolen from outside the Central Hotel, Wellington, on the 22nd ultimo, a gentleman's union bicycle, nearly new, iron rims, Dunlop tires, "Mason, Struthers, and Co., Christchurch," in small gold letters on front bar; value, £17 10s.

LYTTELTON.—Arthur Sargison, A.B., ship "Wellington," reports stolen from his bunk, on the 22nd ultimo, a silver Geneva lever open-faced keyless watch, No. 64978, maker's name unknown; value, £1 15s. The ship left for London on the following day with complainant on board.

CHRISTCHURCH.—John Thomas Priestwell, 164, High Street, reports that, on the 15th or 16th ultimo, his shop was broken into, and the following stolen: One gross of wax-matches in cardboard boxes, four packs of colonial playing-cards, two silver-mounted wooden pipes with straight stems and amber mouthpieces, six common wooden pipes, twenty barbers' puffs, and a quantity of tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes; total value, £20 8s. 6d.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 4.)

NAPIER.—Edward McSherry, charged with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child by Margaret Elizabeth Hudson, has been arrested by Constable T. Cullinane, Auckland police, and remanded to Napier.

DANNEVIRKE.—John Conrad is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the support of his illegitimate child by Clara Olding. Description: A colonial, twenty-three years of age, 5ft. 6in. or 7in. high, stout build, fresh complexion, dark hair, small dark moustache only, slightly bow-legged; dressed when last seen in a dark tweed sac-suit and hard black-felt hat. He is supposed to be in Herbertville sub-district.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Arthur De Luen is charged on warrant, issued on the 3rd November, 1896, with failing to provide for his illegitimate child by Alexandrina Pinkerton. Description: A tailor by trade, about twenty-eight years of age, about 5ft. 10½in. high, medium build, dark complexion, jet-black hair (very wavy), heavy dark moustache only; dressed in a dark coat and vest, and light-tweed trousers. He is supposed to have gone to Sydney.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 127, 135, and 143.)

WELLINGTON.—Archibald White, charged with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child by Louisa Jane Parrant. The child having since been born, a fresh warrant, charging offender "with failing to support his illegitimate child" has been issued. He is said to be known as Archie McNaught, or Archie Ball, and may be in the Dannevirke district.

WELLINGTON.—William Stewart is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court, made on the 26th July, 1896, to pay 8s. a week towards the support of his illegitimate child by Martha Hunter. Description: Colonial, a contractor and labourer, about thirty-five years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, thin build, fair complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, large nose, shaved except reddish moustache, holds his head down when walking, fond of drink; wears a dark suit, and soft black slouch hat. The sum of £3 4s. was in arrears on the 21st ultimo.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 13.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Charles Peterson, for default of surety to support his illegitimate child by Emma Mary Ann Philpot, has been arrested by Constable H. Beattie, Brunner-ton police, and sent to Hokitika Gaol.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, pages 184 and 193.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—John Harry Johnston, charged with failing to provide for his illegitimate child. This warrant has been cancelled.

Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

From H.M.S. "Wallaroo," at Picton.
On 2nd January, 1897.

JOSEPH PRICE, stoker, Scotch, twenty-one years of age, 5ft. 3in. high, dark hair, brown eyes, fresh complexion, tattoo-dots on each thumb.

PATRICK DENVIR, stoker, Irish, twenty-four years of age, 5ft. 4in. high, light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion.

WILLIAM BUNT, ordinary seaman, English, twenty years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, dark-brown hair, hazel eyes, dark complexion.

A reward of £3 is offered for the arrest of each, in addition to £5 from the colonial Government.

From H.M.S. "Rapid," at Hobart.

On the 2nd January, 1897.

GEORGE SAVAGE, ordinary seaman, a native of Derby, England, twenty years of age, 5ft. 7in. high, dark hair, hazel eyes, dark complexion. A reward of £3 is offered for his arrest.

From H.M.S. "Ringarooma," at Hobart.

On the 6th January, 1897.

E. F. ERRINGTON, A.B., English, twenty years of age, 5ft. 5in. high, brown hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion, E.E. in blue ink on left arm, anchor on right arm. A reward of £3 is offered for his apprehension.

Horse- and Cattle-stealing.

AUCKLAND.—Thomas George Ekley, tobacconist, Mount Eden Road, reports stolen from the Domain on the 10th or 11th ultimo, a brown mare, three years old, 14 hands high, white star on forehead, off hind leg white, in rather poor condition; value, £10.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1897, page 4.)

DEVONPORT (AUCKLAND).—Henry A. Monro's horse has been found.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 135.)

WHAIKATANE.—Sydney Crapp's gelding has been recovered.

NAPIER.—Stolen from a yard at Waghorn Street, Spit, on the 18th ultimo, a dark-bay gelding, the property of Fredrick Lansdown, since recovered; a light hunting-saddle, pigskin seat, new stirrup-leathers, web-girth, girth-leathers split, the property of W. Essex; and a pair of new trap-blinkers with white forehead band fastened by round silver plates, nickel bit, and half driving-reins, with silver buckle attached: total value £24. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, stout build, dressed in dark clothes, and black slouched hat. Can be identified. The gelding was found at Papakura on the day of the theft, coming from the direction of Hastings.

MARTON.—Francis Arkwright, farmer, reports stolen from a paddock, about the 22nd ultimo, eighty shorn ewes, branded A.A. in tar on rump, and about seventy lambs in wool. Ear-marks front and back bit out of left ear, and tip off right ear for ewes; reversed for wethers; value, £45.

MARTON.—Rangihoapu Henare, Rata, reports stolen from a paddock, on the 1st or 2nd ultimo, a chestnut mare, hack breed, aged, 14 hands high, black mane and tail, branded R on near shoulder, black hairs about the feet; value, £8.

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

UPPER HUTT.—Thomas Cooper's gelding has been found.

Special Inquiry.

RIDDLE.—Special inquiry is requested by the Ohingaiti police for William Riddle, a witness in a case pending against William Henry Wells for a breach of the Licensing Act. Description: A native of the North of Ireland, a labourer, forty-six years of age, 5ft. 6in. high, stout build, very red complexion, fair hair, ginger moustache, small ginger sideboards, chin shaved; dressed in a grey-tweed suit and soft-grey hat. He left Ohingaiti on the 20th ultimo, and will, no doubt, be looking for work. It is important that he should be traced.

Missing Friends.

EUGENE FREDERICK RYAN is inquired for by the Gisborne police, with the view of compelling him to contribute towards the support of his wife and child. Description: A native of Auckland, New Zealand, a labourer, twenty-one