

with blue border and white centre, containing eleven 9-carat gold wedding- and keeper-rings, six 9-carat gold brooches (various patterns), 3 signet-rings, a gold brooch with pearls (crescent pattern), a dress ring, two gold scarf-pins in boxes (one horse-shoe pattern with diamonds and rubies, the other with a stone in centre and small ruby), eight 15-carat gold brooches in small cases, five 15-carat gold brooches in large cases, two 9-carat gold brooches in small cases, and two pickle-forks with enamelled handles: total value, £80 13s. Identifiable by private mark. The following were found in a paddock during the next day, viz.: Four of the brooches and cases, a signet-ring, the drawer, and sixteen empty jewellery cases; also a new black-felt hat, Melbourne make, size 6 $\frac{3}{4}$.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 32.)

AUCKLAND.—Breaking into and stealing from the Kauri Timber Company's store at Ngunguru: The cash-box has been found, broken open and empty, a short distance from where it was stolen.

AUCKLAND.—Mrs. Vera Doree, 374, Queen Street, reports stolen from her shop, on the 28th or 29th ultimo, two small plaque-paintings, about 9 in. diameter, one representing the White Terrace, the other a waterfall; value, £1 1s. each.

PATEA.—The Railway Department report that on the 13th or 14th ultimo the station was broken into and the following stolen: A dark-tweed overcoat, single-breasted, light material, sleeves ripped at seams near cuffs, no lining, the property of Gilbert Stemp, porter; and a brown-tweed overcoat with cape, lining torn at back, cross tear at tail, the property of William Glenny. A gad-hammer, sledge-hammer (marked F.S.), and skeleton-key were found outside the premises. Three men, viz., Jem Moore, *alias* Peter Olsen, George Murray, *alias* Charles Newton, and James Floyd, *alias* William Anderson, *alias* Johnston, were arrested at Wanganui for the offence and discharged for want of evidence. They were committed to gaol for one month each as vagrants. (For Ohlson's description, see *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 47; Newton's, 1890, page 212; and Anderson's, 1891, page 177.)

PAHIATUA.—Candy D. Crew, law-clerk, reports stolen from the Olympic Theatre, on the 22nd ultimo, a gentlemen's brown mackintosh overcoat with sleeves, cape attached, Arrow brand on tab; value, £4.

WELLINGTON.—The Railway Stationmaster reports stolen in transit from Napier to Wellington, on the 30th March last, a brown iron trunk with dark-brown bands, nearly new, containing a brown check-tweed dress, brown and blue trimming, short white silk lace in neck; a white pique dress (blouse and skirt); two blouses, one white with a black mark on it, the other black with a blue stripe; a navy-blue serge skirt, pair of tan slippers, pair of tan kid gloves, a white sailor-hat with two white feathers up the side; a white under-skirt with wide frill of lace around the bottom; a small red glass jewel-case, containing a brooch, studs, &c.; two white aprons, a pair of green cuffs, collar and tie, two pairs of white cuffs and collars, a black-silk tie, a white belt, two or three handkerchiefs, a green-silk bow, a cream bow, pale-yellow bow, a bicycle-pump and spanners; total value, £6 15s.; the property of Miss Mary Laws, Munroe Street, Napier.

ASHBURTON.—John Henry Rickman reports stolen from the Ashburton Racecourse, on the 21st ultimo, a Massey-Harris bicycle, No. 1611 on bottom bracket, right handle-bar cracked and bent; value, £20.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 91.)

WAIMATE.—Henry Hare's swag has been recovered. Not stolen.

CROMWELL.—Robert McCarrigan, brewer, reports stolen from his premises, on the 27th ultimo, an English silver-lever double-cased watch, maker Beazley, No. 77141, "Robert McCracken" engraved on inside of case across the key-hole; value, £10 10s. Suspicion attached to Frederick Nash, who was convicted of stealing whiskey on the following day and sentenced to fourteen days' labour in Clyde Gaol. Description: A native of Christchurch, thirty-three years of age, 5 ft. 5 in or 6 in. high, sallow complexion, clean-shaved except small dark moustache, large nose.

DUNEDIN.—John Mitchell, Woodhaugh Paper-mills, reports that during the night of the 29th ultimo his office was broken into, and the following stolen: A canvas bag, containing £23 8s.—viz., nine sovereigns, two £1-notes, and the balance in silver; and four keys, one of them stamped "Yale, Paracentric, No. 18940." The money was the proceeds of a concert given for the benefit of a Mrs. O'Hallarow.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1898, page 155; and 1899, page 35.)

AUCKLAND.—Charles Mundy, charged with wife-desertion, is at present in Mount Eden Gaol awaiting trial for horse-stealing and false pretences.

AUCKLAND.—**Michael Hogan** is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his unborn illegitimate child. Description: Supposed a native of Auckland, twenty-two or twenty-three years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. high, slight build, fair hair, fair fresh complexion, larrikin appearance; dressed in a light-tweed suit and soft drab-felt hat; was employed as an inspector by the Auckland Tramway Company. He is said to have left by the s.s. "Mararoa" for New South Wales. Complainant, Gertrude Morrin, Wellesley Street.

AUCKLAND.—**James Joseph Mosley, alias James Hudson**, is charged on warrant with deserting his wife and three children since the 17th ultimo. Description: A native of New Zealand, a blacksmith, about twenty-nine years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. or 7 in. high, medium build, medium-sized black moustache, prominent front teeth, jovial disposition, black hair, dark complexion; dressed in a grey-coloured sack-coat, black or dark vest and pants. He was seen at Mercer during the evening of the above date.

WELLINGTON.—**Walter Duncan** is charged on warrant with failing to provide maintenance for his two illegitimate children. Description: Colonial, a jockey, twenty-seven years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. high, medium build, shaved except fair moustache, fair complexion; usually wears dark clothes. He was summoned in Invercargill to appear in Wellington on the 29th ultimo, and promised, through his solicitor, to arrive on that date, but did not do so. He is said to be in the Otago District. His parents reside at Kaitangata. Complainant: Margaret Campbell, care of Mrs. Keen, 27, Frederick Street, Wellington.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 78.)

WELLINGTON.—Joseph Irving, charged with wife-desertion: This warrant has been cancelled.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1898, page 205; and 1899, page 34.)

WELLINGTON.—George Greenwood, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the support of his children: This warrant has been cancelled, complainant having left the colony.

WELLINGTON.—**Leonard Clifton** is charged on warrant with having deserted his wife at Takaka since the month of August, 1896. Description: Supposed a Russian, a labourer, but has been employed as a clerk; between forty and fifty years of age, about 6 ft. high, medium build, fair complexion; beard, whiskers, and moustache turning grey. Last heard of during December, 1898, when he was employed on the Jackson's-Christchurch Road.

WELLINGTON.—**George Meyers** is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court, made on the 25th March, 1898, to pay 15s. a week towards the support of his wife and child. Description: A native of Wellington, a labourer, twenty-five years of age, 5 ft. 5 in. high, stout build, dark hair and complexion, clean-shaved but sometimes allows his moustache to grow, tattoo-marks (not described) on each arm. (See *Police Gazette*, 1899, pages 23 and 43.) The sum of £8 5s. is now in arrears.

WELLINGTON.—**Henry Winters** is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court, made on the 17th December, 1898, to pay 5s. a week towards the support of his illegitimate child. Description: A native of the colony, a waiter and barman, nineteen years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. high, medium build, dark hair and complexion, no hair on face; dressed, when last seen, in a dark coat and vest, light pants, and brown crushed hat. The sum of £1 5s. was in arrears on the 7th ultimo.

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Malcolm McKinley** is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay £1 per week towards the support of his wife. Description: Scotch, a labourer, forty years of age, about 5 ft. 6 in. high, medium build, fair hair and complexion, shaved except small moustache. Supposed to have gone South.