

notes and 18s. in silver, the property of James Coradine; a brown morocco-leather purse, containing three £1 notes, a half-sovereign, and 8s. in silver, the property of Ruth Burton; and a brown morocco-leather purse, containing £1 15s., the property of Joseph Whittaker. Mrs. Coradine was awakened by feeling something being placed on her face, and saw two men in the room, but can give no description of them.

WELLINGTON.—Ernest Lester Mowbray, clerk, Lower Hutt, reports stolen from the Junior Club, Wellington, on the 15th ultimo, a light-fawn overcoat, three-quarter size, chain-tab, small patch under left arm-pit, and patch about 6 in. square on left side; value, £2.

WELLINGTON.—Mrs. Sophia Carpel, second-hand dealer, Riddiford Street, reports stolen from her bedroom, on the 26th ultimo, a ladies' gold Geneva lever half-hunting watch, maker's name and number unknown; gold chain, small twisted links, with two gold tassels and split ring attached; value, £10.

WELLINGTON.—Mrs. Frank Wise, 39, Willis Street, reports stolen from her bedroom, between the 29th ultimo and 6th instant, a ladies' rolled-gold Waterbury open-faced watch, small size, value £1 10s.; and a ladies' long gold neck-chain, square links, much worn, some of them repaired with fine wire, small heart-shaped gold locket with her husband's photograph inside attached; value, £3.

DUNEDIN.—May Thomson, waitress, Coffee Palace, Moray Place, reports stolen from her bedroom, on the 6th instant, a ladies' silver Geneva open-faced watch, No. 181031; value, £1 10s. Suspicion attached to Edgar Slamm, who occupies an adjoining room. Description: English, twenty-three years of age (looks younger), 5 ft. 2 in. high, medium build, clean-shaved, dark-brown hair and eyes, sallow complexion; dressed in a navy-blue sac suit and hard black-felt hat; an hotel-porter by occupation. Still in Dunedin.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 258.)

DUNEDIN.—Archibald Anderson, alias Matherson, charged with breaking into and stealing from Mary Ann Buskin's dwelling, has been arrested by Constable T. Dwan and remanded.

#### Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

WELLINGTON.—Lewis Fredrickson, fisherman, reports stolen from his boat in Oriental Bay, on the 1st or 2nd instant, a pair of paddles, marked "L.F." on blades; a pair of rowlocks, a mainsail, and a jigger; value, £1 14s. 6d.

BLLENHEIM.—William Nicoll, carpenter, reports stolen from a stable at Springlands, on the 27th ultimo, a silver Rotheram hunting-watch, No. 29201, with short double white-metal chain attached; value, £5 2s. 6d.

BLLENHEIM.—Michael Joseph Butler, dredge-master, Canvastown, reports stolen from the Criterion Stables, Blenheim, between the 2nd and 7th instant, a brown-paper parcel, containing a pair of English check-tweed trousers and vest to match, light-brownish colour with red and greenish stripes forming the check, trousers have no straps, but a tape is sewn inside to hang them up by; a thick grey-flannel shirt, a white shirt, two or three linen collars, size 15½; and two valise-straps, marked "M. J. Butler" in ink; value, £4.

"MAPOURIKA," s.s. (LYTTELTON).—William Robinson, second engineer, reports stolen from his cabin, on the 6th instant, a silver lever double-cased watch, maker Clarkson, London, number unknown; and gold chain, long heavy links, each link stamped "15 carat"; value, £14. May have been sold or pledged in Wellington.

CHRISTCHURCH.—William John Hoskins reports stolen from the front of his office, Hereford Street, on the 22nd ultimo, a gentlemen's B. Humber bicycle, black-enamelled, nearly new, rubber pedals, No. 56319; value, £24.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Patrick Dempsey, striker, Halswell, reports stolen from the Addington Workshops a colonial saddle, nearly new, rivets stamped "Travers, Christchurch," square three-bar steel stirrups, plaited kangaroo-leather girth; value, £4.

CHRISTCHURCH.—William Leech, labourer, Ferry Road, reports stolen from his clothing, in front of a house in Manchester Street, a silver Rotherham double-cased watch, No. 136687; value, £5.

METHVEN.—Nicholas Carney, labourer, Staveley, near Alford Forest, reports stolen during the month of October last, a sheep-bitch, about five years old, black except a little white on chest, very small, coat inclined to be rough, has a broken rib, which can be felt projecting in her flank, answers to the name of "Jedd"; value, £8 10s. Suspicion attached to John Webber, who sold it to complainant. Description: A native of New Zealand (German parentage), a labourer, twenty-six years of age, 5 ft. 10 in. or 11 in. high, fair complexion, round face, shaved except moustache, stutters. He left for Palmerston North during the above month, and may have taken a situation together with his wife.

DUNEDIN.—The Hon. Thomas Fergus, Royal Terrace, reports stolen from a case in an outhouse, between the 19th ultimo and the 13th instant, twelve table-spoons and forks, twelve dessert-spoons, twelve tea-spoons, six egg- and salt-spoons with gilt bowls, eighteen mustard-spoons with gilt bowls, two sauce-ladles, a soup-ladle, gravy-spoon, and pair of sugar-tongs, all electroplated, spoons marked "A," and initialled "E.M.D.," also twelve ivory-handled table-knives, "E. M. Dickenson" and a screw on blades: value, in all, £20. Identification doubtful.

PORT CHALMERS.—Horatio Gordon, master, tug "Koputai," reports stolen from his cabin, between the 18th and 21st ultimo, a pair of binocular glasses, about 7 in. long, value, £2 10s. Identifiable by general appearance.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 260.)

INVERCARGILL.—Theft of Henry Carswell and Co.'s case of whiskey; Bernard Charles Lovett and Henry Edward Staunton, railway employés, have been arrested by Constable W. B. Mollveney for this offence. Three bottles of whiskey recovered.

#### Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

COROMANDEL.—Arthur Wellesley Holland is charged on warrant of commitment to Mount Eden Gaol for two months for disobeying an order of Court made on the 12th September, 1896, to pay £1 per week towards the maintenance of his five children. Description: English, forty-six years of age, stout build, dark hair, beard and moustache, blue eyes, small scar at back of head; fond of drink. Offender has made no payments, and the sum of £116 5s. was in arrears up to the 27th January last.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 221.)

WANGANUI.—George Lawson, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the support of his illegitimate child: This warrant has been cancelled.

WELLINGTON.—Frederick Simeon, junr., is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child, since the 26th ultimo. Description: A carpenter, about twenty-four years of age, 5 ft. 4 in. high, dark Jewish appearance, curly hair; wears dark clothes; stylish appearance. Supposed to have gone to the Hawke's Bay District. His mother is a half-caste Maori and his father a Jew. They are well known to the North Island Natives for whom they act as agents. Complainant, Zuibini Ada Josephs, Brooklyn.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, pages 125 and 221.)

WELLINGTON.—James Oliver Armstrong, charged with disobeying an order of Court to support his wife: This warrant has been cancelled.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 259.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Malcolm McKinley, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the support of his wife and family. This offender is identical with Malcolm McKinley, vide *Police Gazette*, 1899, pages 105, 146, and 162; and 1892, page 134. The description of him as published at page 259 of this year's *Gazette* is considered to be the most reliable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 231.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Joseph Jones, charged with failing to support his illegitimate child, has been arrested by the Greytown North police, on information supplied by Constable J. J. Cassells, of Christchurch. Ordered to pay 7s. 6d. a week.

TIMARU.—John Russell Wilson is charged on warrant of commitment to Invercargill Gaol for one month for disobeying an order of Court to pay 10s. a week towards the support of his wife. Description: A native of Victoria, a labourer, thirty-two years of age, 5 ft. 2½ in. high, dark hair and complexion, dark-blue eyes, small nose. (See