



# NEW ZEALAND POLICE GAZETTE.

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**NOTICE.**—For instructions as to the manner in which reports are required to be furnished for the compilation of the *Police Gazette* see *Gazette* No. 1 of this year.

The arrest of offenders described in the *Police Gazette*, or respecting whom crime reports have been forwarded for insertion in the *Gazette*, should be promptly notified by the member of the Force effecting the arrest.

When notifying the arrest of persons charged with larceny, or suspected of larceny, it should be stated whether the property stolen, or any portion of it, has been recovered.

A description of property supposed to be stolen, found in the possession of offenders, for which owners cannot be found, should be furnished for insertion in the *Gazette*.

All communications concerning this *Gazette* should be addressed to the Commissioner of Police, Wellington, and the envelope marked "For *Gazette*." Members of the Force in charge of out-stations will forward them *direct*.

### Escaped Lunatic.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 23.)

**CHARLES GILBERTSON**, who escaped from the Porirua Asylum, returned to his relatives at Wanganui, and has been allowed to remain with them.

### Offences not otherwise Described.

**AUCKLAND.**—**John Frere**, *alias* **John Norman Jones**, is charged with false pretences on the Union Bank of Australia (Limited), on the 7th March, 1899. Description: Supposed Irish, about forty years of age, about 6 ft. high, slight build, fair complexion, thin features, reddish-yellow hair, moustache and small side whiskers, chin shaved, chronic sore eyes, wears glasses; was usually dressed in a blue-serge sac-suit, and hard black hat; horsey appearance. Rented a small farm near Okoia, Wanganui district, in 1898. Offender, whose proper name is John Frere, presented a letter of credit for £260, drawn in favour of John H. Jones by the Bank of Ireland, Kilkenny, and addressed to the Manager of the Union Bank of Australia (Limited), Auckland. He represented that he was the person named in the letter of credit, and obtained the amount on the above date. It was afterwards discovered that a Mr. John H. Jones, a settler in the Wanganui district, was the owner of the letter of credit, and it is not known by what means offender obtained possession of it. Warrant issued on the 27th January, 1900.

**AUCKLAND.**—**J. W. Irvin**, Jervois Road, Ponsonby, reports that on the 3rd ultimo a man, who gave his name as **Robinson**, hired from him a bicycle for a week, and as it has not been returned it is now alleged to have been stolen. **Robinson** is described as an Australian, nineteen or twenty years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. high, fair hair and complexion, clean-shaved, pimply face, very talkative; dressed in a dark-chocolate suit, skull-cap, and cycling-shoes. The bicycle is a **Jewel**, No. 345 on the ball-head and up-tube on chain, B.S.A. parts, path racing-tires,  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. pitch chain, 84 gear, no mud-guards, ram's horn handles, painted azure blue except a black rim in the back wheel; value, £15. **Robinson** said he wanted it to race a man named **Shaw** at the Thames.

**LEVIN.**—**John Dick Poppleton** is charged on two warrants of commitment to the Terrace (Wellington) Gaol, one for seven days in default of paying £1 9s., fine and costs, for assault, and the other for fourteen days in default of paying £2 8s., fine and costs for using insulting language. Description: Colonial, a groom, twenty-four years of age, 5 ft. 11 in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, clean-shaved; usually wears a tweed sac-suit, and grey cap. Supposed to have gone to Wellington. Warrants issued on the 15th ultimo.

**LEVIN.**—**John McCartney** (also known as "Happy Jack") is charged on warrant of commitment to the Terrace (Wellington) Gaol for twenty-one days' imprisonment in default of paying £3 4s., fine and costs, for committing a breach of the peace. (For description see *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 14.) Supposed to have gone to Wanganui *via* Foxton. He was summoned to answer the charge on the 22nd December last, but failed to appear.

**FEATHERSTON.**—**John Crombie** is charged with having on the 28th ultimo, forged and uttered a cheque for £8 to **James Cress**, hotelkeeper, Tauherenikau. Offender's description agrees with that of **Archibald John McNeil**, *alias* **Crombie**, *alias* **Palmer**. (See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 122, "Prisoners Discharged from Invercargill Gaol.") Dressed in a dark suit and soft brown or dark-felt hat; has the appearance of a jockey or speler. He was seen at the Pahiatua Races on the 1st instant. The cheque is drawn on the Bank of New Zealand, Featherston, and purports to be signed by **E. Tullock**, but has been declared a forgery. Warrant issued on 1st instant.

**WELLINGTON.**—**Alfred E. Horsefield** is charged on warrant with the theft of £1 5s., money of his employer, **Alfred Josiah Powley**, dairyman, between the 20th and 28th