

AUCKLAND.—Charles Newson, builder, reports stolen from Port Street, between the 25th and 27th ultimo, a nearly new spade, a steel octagon crowbar, 5 ft. 6 in. long, chisel- and flat-pointed at ends; and a new pick, part of handle sawn off; value, 14s. 3d.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 15.)

"STELLA," S.S., AUCKLAND.—Theft from Robert Robertson's bunk: James Docherty has been arrested by Detective W. A. Bailey and Constable J. P. Miller, and committed for this and another offence. Trousers only recovered.

CAMBRIDGE.—George Empson, Postmaster, reports stolen from an outhouse, on the 2nd or 3rd instant, a boys' saddle, small size, one of the flaps giving way near seat and much worn, odd stirrup-irons, one stirrup-leather almost new; value £1 5s.: and an old bridle with coloured forehead-piece, reins knotted at ends and one riveted to bit; value 2s. 6d. Suspicion attached to *William Andrew Clarke*, alias *Powdrill*, a native of Auckland, a labourer, about twenty-three years of age, 5 ft. 5½ in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, blue eyes, dark-brown hair, sandy reddish moustache; dressed in a blue-serge suit and straw hat. (See *Police Gazette*, 1898, page 166.) He was seen about Cambridge, and disappeared shortly after the theft.

THAMES.—The Thames Harbour Board report that on the 28th ultimo their magazine was broken into, and the following stolen: Seventeen cases of Kynock's gelignite, inferior quality; and three cases of Nobel's dynamite: value, £50. Identification doubtful.

DEVONPORT (AUCKLAND).—Mrs. Venetia McDonald, White Street, Auckland, reports stolen from the Takapuna Race-course, on the 31st ultimo, a heavy-woven woollen rug, white colour, with black and yellow stripes, value, £1 10s.; and a Maori keikei kit, yellow colour, with black stripes; value, 5s.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 24.)

DEVONPORT (AUCKLAND).—Leonard Waters' boat has been recovered. Not stolen.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 3.)

HAMILTON.—Theft of Joseph N. Read's bicycle: James Carr has been arrested by Constable E. T. Howell, Huntly police, for this offence. Bicycle recovered.

ASHURST.—Joseph Hollis, labourer, reports lost or stolen in a paddock, on the 15th instant, a gentlemen's English silver lever hunting-watch, much worn, maker's name and number unknown, may have "12" on a small piece of paper inside; and a brass chain; value, £3 10s.

WELLINGTON.—Thomas Mason Wilford, Esq., M.H.R. reports stolen from the passage of the Central Club, on the 23rd or 24th ultimo, a gentlemen's Raleigh bicycle, No. 4786 on left-hand side of seat-lug, nearly new, 26 in. frame, Westwood rims, Dunlop tires, Brooks B. 10 saddle, fitted with handle-bar, brake, step, and bag of tools; has fancy-framed rubber pedals, 4 in. wide: value, £21.

PICTON.—Mrs. Johanna Climo, Manaroa, reports stolen from a railway-carriage, at Picton, or between there and Mount Pleasant Station, on the 3rd instant, a large brown-paper parcel, containing a blue-serge dress, a crepon dress, a black lustre, a crepon blouse, a black-fringed lustre-blouse, sundry small articles of women's clothing, and a gold brooch in the design of two hearts connected by a bar, made out of a pair of earrings; value in all, £7.

CHRISTCHURCH.—John Butler, labourer, reports stolen in Kingsley Street, Sydenham, on the 4th ultimo, a gentlemen's Waverley bicycle, No. 114,282, nearly new, lamp and bell attached; value, £20.

CHRISTCHURCH.—George Collier, house-agent, 60, Lichfield Street, reports stolen from the back of his house, on the 29th or 30th December last, a copper tea-and-coffee urn, two compartments, capacity two gallons; value, £2.

"MOKOIA," S.S.—Dr. Henry Robert Smith reports stolen from his cabin while the steamer was at the Bluff, on the 30th ultimo, a ladies' plain black-leather handbag, 18 in. by 22 in., containing four cut-glass bottles, medium size, silver tops with A.M.S. thereon; a ladies' gold ring with two diamonds and three pearls in claw setting; two ladies' plain gold single diamond rings, a gold brooch representing a fly, set with diamonds and turquoises; a gold brooch, anchor shape, medium size; a small plate-glass hand-mirror with silver back, a silver puff-box, a silver snuff-box, an ivory glove-stretcher, an ivory paper-knife, an aluminium pin-cushion in the shape of a duok; and two pieces of Maltese

lace; value £100. Stewards suspected, several thefts having taken place on board the vessel. Complainant's address is: Care of Barry Smith, Rakaia, Canterbury.

DUNEDIN.—William Cooksley, hotelkeeper, reports stolen from outside an office in Rattray Street, on the 1st instant, a gentlemen's bicycle, maker Kent, black-enamelled stillite hubs on each wheel; value, £15. No further description given.

INVERCARGILL.—Robert McNab, Esq., M.H.R., reports stolen from the railway-station, on the 12th or 13th ultimo, a gentlemen's Massey-Harris bicycle, model 3, No. 11807 underneath bottom bracket, 24 in. frame, adjustable handle-bars, Christy saddle, bell has the name "Corbin" on it, wooden mud-guards, two small pieces of rubber on each pedal, break attached, one of the hubs on front wheel repaired with a piece of steel, and has four spokes laced into it; value £20.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 25.)

NAPIER.—John O'Connell, charged with disobeying an order of Court for the maintenance of his wife, has been arrested by Constable W. J. Butler, Hastings police, and remanded to Napier.

BULLS.—Michael (or John) Howe is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the future maintenance of his illegitimate child. Description: A native of the colony, a labourer, about twenty-three years of age, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, medium build, sallow complexion, little or no hair on face, turns his toes slightly in when walking; usually wears a dark suit and grey slouched hat. Well known in the Rangitikei district, where his people reside. Supposed to have gone to Wanganui, or may be working with a ballast-gang under another name.

CHRISTCHURCH.—John Bruland is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay 3s. a week towards the support of his mother, the sum of £1 1s. being in arrears on the 16th ultimo. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, twenty-three years of age, 5 ft. 8½ in. high, fresh complexion, dark-brown hair, blue eyes, small nose, two tattoo-spots on left arm. (See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 56.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Henry William Clarke is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Mary Clarke, since the 6th instant; Description: A half-caste Maori, born at Otaki, twenty-five years of age, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, dark complexion, black hair, brown eyes, shaved except small black moustache, one upper front-tooth out, Maori features; dressed, when last seen, in a grey-tweed sac-suit, and soft brown-felt hat; has a silver watch-chain with medal, inscribed "Won by Private H. Clarke," attached. Supposed to have gone to the Chatham Islands, on the 20th ultimo.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 25.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—William Chamberlain, charged with failing to provide for his unborn illegitimate child, has been arrested at Greymouth by Constable E. J. Porteous, and remanded to Christchurch.

Deserter from Her Majesty's Service.

From H.M.S. "Tauranga," at Lyttelton.

On 7th February, 1900.

Charles E. Rankin, A.B., English, twenty-five years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, long nose, rather long thin features, clean-shaved, speaks with a strong Yorkshire accent. Said to have friends in Christchurch. He was waiting a court-martial for assaulting the captain of the "Ringdove." A reward of £3 is offered for his arrest, in addition to £5 from the Colonial Government.

Absentee from Her Majesty's Service.

From H.M.S. "Tauranga," at Lyttelton.

On 7th February, 1900.

F. C. Banks, stoker, English, twenty-seven years of age, 5 ft. 5 in. high, dark hair, grey eyes, dark complexion.

A reward not exceeding £1 is offered for his arrest. He is said to have gone by train to Dunedin.