

GISBORNE.—Robert Robertson, draper, reports stolen from his shop, Gladstone Road, on the 20th ultimo, a drab-coloured covert coat, "Kaiapoi Woollen Company" on the tab: value, £2. Identification doubtful.

ORMOND.—William Ashwood Friar reports stolen from off his horse, on the 27th or 28th May last, a new canvas horse-cover, check lining, branded "W.A.F." on both sides: value, £1 5s. Identifiable.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Herbert Cocker, manager Co-operative Store, reports that about 3 a.m., 11th instant, the store was broken into and 32lb. Derby and 14lb. Golden Eagle tobacco stolen, also 15s. 6d. in silver: total value, £14 2s. 6d.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Solomon Abrahams, pawnbroker, reports stolen from his shop on the 4th instant, a silver lever hunting watch, with gold hands, No. 6308, "Wm. Bennett & Co." on dial; value, £3 10s. Suspicion attached to John Wardell. Description: Supposed colonial, hotel cook, about twenty-six years of age, 5 ft. 10 in. high, stiff build, brown hair, pale complexion; dressed in blue vicuna suit, grey Dr. Jim hat with brown band.

WELLINGTON.—John Edward Jenkinson, cycle-manufacturer, reports supposed stolen, on or about the 25th March last, a gentlemen's Star bicycle, No. 3108. Suspicion attached to Henry Mitchell, who hired the bicycle, and may have sold it. Description: Colonial, about twenty-four years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. high, slight build, dark hair and complexion, small dark moustache, sharp features, good appearance and address, usually wears a dark-blue sac-suit and hard black-felt hat. He was canvasser for the Citizens' Life Insurance Company, and was last seen in Wellington on the 28th ultimo.

WELLINGTON.—Harry Vincent Westbury, 75, Molesworth Street, reports supposed stolen, on the 3rd ultimo, a gentlemen's Hikok bicycle, black frame, back wheel buckled through accident, left crank plated, right not plated, dropped handle-bars, number unknown; value, £10. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to Henry Mitchell, who hired the bicycle on the 3rd ultimo, and may have sold it. For description of suspect see preceding paragraph.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 135.)

WELLINGTON.—John Hutching's bicycle has been found. Not stolen.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.—Frederick Ralph, clerk, reports stolen from off his horse between the 28th and 31st ultimo, a nearly new canvas horse-cover, patch on one side, leather crupper, breast-strap and two belly-bands; value, £1. Identifiable.

CLYDE QUAY (WELLINGTON).—James Rod, butcher, reports that, between 11 p.m. 1st and 9 a.m. 2nd instant, his shop was broken into, and an attempt made to burst open the safe by inserting dynamite in the keyhole connected with about 2 ft. of fuse.

NELSON.—Charles Kirkwood is charged on warrant with the theft, between the 24th July, 1900, and 3rd May, 1901, of £63 16s. 8d., moneys of Fell and Atkinson, solicitors, Nelson. Offender was employed as clerk, and collected the money at different times and failed to account for it. Description: Colonial, eighteen years of age, about 5 ft. 10 in. high, slight build, dark complexion and hair, full red face, no hair on face; dressed in dark sac suit. Supposed to have left Nelson on the 29th ultimo to seek employment in Wellington.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Kenneth Matheson, draper, Victoria Street, reports stolen from his shop-door on the 30th ultimo a dark-green single-breasted Chesterfield overcoat, five buttons in front: value, £1 5s. Identifiable.

LINCOLN.—Karl Kippenberger, school-teacher, reports stolen at the school-room, Ladbroke, between the 31st ultimo and 2nd instant, two fawn-coloured stirrup-leathers, holes numbered from one to ten, two nickel stirrup-irons, small size, and a white web saddle-girth: value, £1.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 135.)

ST. ALBANS.—The bicycle reported stolen from John James Soanes has been found, and returned to the owner.

ASHBURTON.—William John Boyd, labourer, Belfast, reports stolen from Thomas's auction rooms, on the 21st December last, a farm dray, medium size, sides painted blue, yellow wheels, No. 220 on inside of dray: value, £10. Identifiable. Suspicion attaches to a man, name unknown, who represented that he had been sent for the cart. Description:

About twenty-five years of age, 5 ft. 3 in. high, clean-shaved except small dark moustache, dark complexion; dressed in dark-tweed suit, soft dark-felt hat. Identification doubtful.

DUNEDIN.—Between 6.30 p.m., 30th, and 7.30 a.m., 31st ultimo, the shop of Herbert, Haynes, and Co., drapers, Princes Street, was broken into, the safe burst open with dynamite, and £70 in gold, £43 supposed in £1 notes, and £23 in silver, stolen. Entrance was obtained through a window in the girl's workroom; a large safe in the front of the premises was taken in a truck to a room at the back, and rugs placed round it to deaden the sound of explosion. A watch, brooches, and jewellery were left behind. Nothing identifiable taken. A small American drilling-machine, a screw-driver, and a bicycle spanner were found beside the safe.

ARROWTOWN.—Alfred Henry Smith reports supposed stolen from a chest of drawers in an outhouse near his dwelling in Whitechapel Flat, between the 20th and 28th ultimo, a £5 note and eight £1 notes, all on the Bank of New Zealand; numbers unknown. Suspicion attached to William Clark, a native of New Zealand, a miner and stonemason; about twenty-six years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. high, medium build, dark complexion, dark-brown hair, moustache only; dressed in dark-tweed suit and soft black-felt hat.

Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

AUCKLAND.—Gustav Lindblom is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Harriet Lindblom, since the 1st instant. Description: A native of Finland, a carpenter's improver, twenty-six years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. high, sallow complexion, brown eyes, high cheek-bones, brown hair, small moustache only; anchor, cross, and heart tattooed on back of left hand; H and cross on right hand, above the thumb. Photograph filed in the Inspector's Office, Auckland.

AUCKLAND.—Walter Charles Marlborough, known as Professor Besant, is charged on warrant with deserting his wife, Rebecca Marlborough, since the 1st March last. Description: A native of England, a phrenologist, forty years of age, 5 ft. 8½ in. high, medium build, fair moustache only. Supposed travelling about New Zealand.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 116.)

WANGANUI.—William Bond, arrested by the Taradale police, is the offender charged with wife desertion at New Plymouth (see *Police Gazette*, 1898, pages 147 and 155). He is not identical with William Bond, charged with disobeying order of Court (see *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 52, and 1900, page 37).

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 107.)

THORNDON (WELLINGTON).—Tasman Steinmuller, charged with wife desertion, has been arrested by Constable J. D. Lyons, Wellington police.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 136.)

MOUNT COOK (WELLINGTON).—David Livingstone McWirtter, charged with wife desertion, has returned home. Warrant cancelled.

WESTPORT.—William Cole is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child. Description: A native of England, coal-miner and labourer, forty-five years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. high, stout build, dark complexion, brown hair turning grey, goatee and moustache, brown eyes, round full face, small tattoo mark on one arm; when last seen was wearing a blue-serge suit, and hard black hat. He came from Inangahua to Westport with Ellen Reardon, and promised to marry her, but left her destitute on the 20th March last at Westport.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Joseph Jones is charged on warrant with disobeying an order of Court to pay 7s. a week towards the support of his illegitimate child. Description: A German Jew, about twenty-eight years of age, about 5 ft. 3 in. high, medium build, inclined to be stout, sharp features, light-brown hair, florid complexion, clean shaved except reddish moustache, dressed in dark-blue clothes, soft-felt hat, wears watch and silver chain, plain gold breast-stud, gold links, wears two rings on third finger of left hand. Is a jeweller and canvasser, and travels about buying old gold and jewellery. (See *Police Gazette*, 1899, pages 219, 231, and 266, and 1900, page 10.) On the 28th May, 1901, there was due the sum of £28. Complainant, Mabel Elizabeth Thomas, Coleridge Street, Sydenham.