

dozen novels, amongst them being East Lynn; Lord Oakland's Daughter; some of Guy Boothby's works; and books for children; "W. Niece" written on fly-leaf of some of them; value, £90.

GREYTOWN NORTH.—John Hillier, watchmaker, reports stolen from his shop, on the 15th or 22nd ultimo, a very broad band gold ring, a gold keeper-ring, a ladies' open faced gold watch, chased case, fancy enamel dial; value, £4 18s. Watch only identifiable. Suspicion attached to a woman, name unknown, who was in the shop. Description: About twenty-five years of age, about 5 ft. 4 in. high, full face, fresh complexion, light-brown or fair hair; dressed in a light-green jacket or blue cloak, and white-coloured hat. Identification doubtful.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 125.)

LOWER HUTT.—Theft of Ernest R. Hawken's watch-chain; Frederick Beard has been arrested for this offence by Constable M. Cox, Petone police, and sentenced to three months' probation.

PETONE.—Frances Hammington, Wanganui, reports stolen from the railway-station, on the 26th ultimo, a brown-leather portmanteau, about 30 in. by 14 in. by 12 in., containing a serge dress, a blue skirt, a green blouse, a pair of white drawers, a pair of stockings, three pairs of slippers, a pink shawl, four pinafores, a fur boa, two petticoats, and a syringe; value, £4. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—Findlay McLeod and Co., drapers, report that, on the 11th or 12th instant, their shop in Cuba Street was broken into, the safe burst open with dynamite, and the following stolen: About £100, consisting of about fifty-five £1 notes, and one £5 note, the remainder in gold and silver; a draft for £15 on the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, in favour of Findlay McLeod and Co.; a cheque for £4 on the Bank of New Zealand, Maitland, drawn by Findlay McKay in favour of Findlay McLeod; a cheque for £2 8s. on the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, in favour of bearer, drawn by Harcourt and Co.; five pairs of lambswool and five pairs Shetland wool drawers; two pairs Shetland wool singlets; a dark-tweed sac suit, size 5; a dark-brown tweed sac coat; a gentlemen's brown mackintosh, ribbed material, arrow brand; and a ladies' red-melton underskirt, trimmed with black braid; value of clothing, £8 4s. 4d. Drafts and cheques only identifiable. Suspicion attached to Charles Newton alias Murray, and James Charles Power. Descriptions: First—A native of England, a cook, twenty-nine years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. high, fresh freckled complexion, light-brown hair, grey eyes (see *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 143). Second—A native of New Zealand, a labourer, thirty-two years of age, 5 ft. 8½ in. high, fresh complexion, dark-brown hair, grey eyes (see *Police Gazette*, 1900, page 92). Both suspects still in Wellington. It is also strongly suspected that William Potter, alias Stewart (see *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 163), and photographed at Wellington on the 27th August, 1892, was an accomplice of the above suspects, and may be wearing some of the stolen clothes. He was last seen in Wellington about 9 p.m., 11th instant, and was then clean-shaved except moustache and small side whiskers. Nine white-woollen sweaters were also stolen; value, £3. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—Charles Jones, confectioner, reports stolen from off his shop-window a nearly new white-canvas blind, 15 ft. long by 4 ft. 6 in. deep, three holes at each end, brass rings let in, straps attached, maker "Keith and Hutcheson" in corner; value, £1. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—Thomas Carmichael, contractor, reports stolen from his office, in Featherston Street, on the 22nd ultimo, a crimson-coloured table-cover, 6 ft. by 9 ft., has a blue-plush border about 3 in. wide; value, £1 10s. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON (SOUTH).—Joseph Victor, Riddiford Street, reports stolen from off his horse, in a paddock at Kilbirnie, on the 11th or 12th ultimo, a canvas horse-cover, leather breast-strap, and two canvas belly-bands; sack sewn on inside of cover; "Defence" and broad arrow branded near the edge at the back of cover; value 10s.

MANNERS STREET (WELLINGTON).—Vincent Almao, hatter, reports stolen from his shop-door, on the 2nd instant, a woollen rug, about 7 ft. square, blue on one side, brown on the other with stripes running through it, fringe on each side; value, £2 10s. Identifiable.

MANNERS STREET (WELLINGTON).—Alfred Hartley, band-master of the Salvation Army, reports stolen from the band-room of the Opera House, on the 25th May last, a nearly new brass cornet in good repair, Salvation Army crest on it, "Our make, class A" stamped on bell; value £9. Identifiable.

MOUNT COOK (WELLINGTON).—Henry Jackson, Palmerston North, reports stolen from the Salvation Army Citadel, Vivian Street, on the 19th ultimo, a brass cornet, maker "R. Boosey" stamped on bell, one water-key, four small dents on bell; value £8. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 125.)

BLLENHEIM.—Theft of Edward Parker's bicycle: William Griffith has been arrested for this offence by Chief Detective W. Chrystal, Christchurch police, and sentenced to three months' probation. Bicycle recovered.

GREYMOUTH.—John Morrison is charged on warrant with the theft, on the 30th May, 1901, of boot-brush stands and brushes, the property of Edgar Toby; value 8s. 9d. Offender is a native of New Zealand, about twenty years of age, 5 ft. 10 in. high, rather dark complexion; dressed in dark-tweed clothes and straw hat. He received the above articles to sell on commission, and failed to account for them.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Thomas Humphry, farmer, Killiney, reports stolen from the railway-station, on the 25th ultimo, a nearly new Massey-Harris bicycle, No. 89556, road-racing tire on back wheel, a new tire on front wheel, wooden rims, acetylene lamp attached; value, £20 15s. Identifiable.

LINCOLN.—George Holt, hotelkeeper, Prebbleton, reports stolen from his chaff-house, on the 5th or 6th instant, two patent-leather horse-collars in good repair; a pair of silver-mounted hames, leather traces attached, one trace recently mended near the buckle; a pair of blinkers, large size—all for light-trap harness; value, £2 10s. Identifiable.

TEMUKA.—Miss Heron, Arowhenua, reports supposed stolen from the express train, between Christchurch and Temuka, on the 11th May last, a brown-leather portmanteau labelled "Temuka," containing a red-satin, a red-velvet, and a black-and-white flannellette blouse; also, a pink blouse with gold links in the sleeves, a brown and a green skirt, six new handkerchiefs, four pieces fancy-work, two cards, feather-stitching, some underclothing, and collars and cuffs; value, £10. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—John McCallum, third engineer, reports stolen from a drawer in his cabin on board the s.s. "Corinna," at Dunedin, on the 5th instant, a square wooden cash-box, made of Indian wood, containing two £5 notes on the Bank of New Zealand and six sovereigns; total value £16 1s. 6d.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY (DUNEDIN).—George Calder, settler, reports that a shed, off the Main Road, was broken into between the 17th ultimo and 2nd instant, and four packages of dynamite stolen; value, £1 11s. Not identifiable.

RIVERTON.—Between 23rd May and 21st ultimo there was stolen from the Government Railway Goods-shed five cases of kerosene, consigned to John Petchell; value, £2 5s.

WINTON.—George Queale, farmer, reports stolen from the Forest Hill Railway-siding, a new indiarubber belt, 21 ft. long, 5 in. wide; value, £2 7s. 6d. Identification doubtful.

GORE.—John McGibbon and Sons report that, on the 30th ultimo, their shop was broken open, and two safes broken open by dynamite and £58 in single notes, and probably one £5 note amongst them, stolen; an augur, hammer, and a brace and bits which were stolen from G. Geddis's blacksmith's shop were left behind.

INVERCARGILL.—Robert John Ransome McNaught is charged on warrant with the theft, on the 26th January last, of a bicycle, the property of Percy Henry Vickery; value £24 10s. Offender is a native of Invercargill, a labourer and sawmill-hand, about nineteen years of age, about 5 ft. 8 in. or 9 in., medium build; dark complexion, hair, and eyes: may have a little dark moustache; large ears, which stand out; generally dresses in dark clothes. In April last he worked for Mr. Crosbie, near Wyndham, for two or three weeks. The bicycle stolen is a nearly new gentlemen's monopole, model known as "Universal," being extra high in the bracket, dropped handles, No. 10330, rat-trap pedals, 25 in. frame, Brooks saddle. It was purchased on the hire system, and no trace can now be obtained of the bicycle or offender.

### Deserting Wives and Families, &c.

AUCKLAND.—William Edward Donaldson is charged on warrant with failing to provide for the maintenance of his illegitimate child. Description: A native of New Zealand, a fitter (recently employed by the Auckland Gas Company), about twenty-two years of age, 5 ft. 4 in. high, stoutish build, reddish-coloured hair, bushy in front, clean-shaved,