

TAPANUI.—James Meech, alias Cole, is charged on warrant with having used obscene language at Tapanui on 3rd May, 1901. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, about twenty-five years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, medium build, small fair moustache only, clipped short; dressed in shabby tweed suit and dark soft-felt hat. Supposed rabbiting on some of the stations.

DUNEDIN.—John Currie is charged on warrant of commitment to Dunedin Gaol for seven days in default of paying £1 3s., fine and costs, for breach of the peace. Description: A native of New Zealand, a groom and labourer, twenty-two years of age, about 5 ft. 7 in. or 8 in. high, slight build, sallow complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes; generally dressed in dark suit. (See *Police Gazette*, 1896, page 163). He was fined on the 30th March last, and allowed time to pay; was at Gore, but left there on the 1st May last for Invercargill.

MELBOURNE.—John Henry Sparks and John O'Connor escaped from Pentridge during the forenoon of Tuesday, the 3rd instant. Description: First—A native of South Australia, a labourer, twenty-eight years of age, 5 ft. 7 in. high, fresh complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, scar on right side of nose, scar right cheek, moles on small of back, boil-marks on right hip, clean-shaven, hair of head cut short, mouth appears crooked, slightly higher on left side. Was arrested on the 14th December, 1899, for highway robbery under arms at Rutherglen, and is under sentence of ten years. Is a good horseman. Second—Victorian, a labourer, thirty-two years of age, 5 ft. 9½ in. high, stout build, fresh complexion, light-brown hair, hazel eyes, anchor and blue dots under lower right arm, scar top of right thumb, scar on left wrist, blue dot on left arm, clean-shaven, hair on head cut short. Was arrested in August, 1894, for highway robbery under arms at Albert Park, and storebreaking in Melbourne, and is under sentence of twelve years. Both men are desperate criminals, and will be wearing civilians' clothes. Photographs filed in the Commissioner's Office.

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person, &c.

AUCKLAND.—William Foster, gardener, Newmarket, reports that, on the 2nd instant, he was assaulted by two men in the Domain, and robbed of ten £1 notes, on the Bank of New Zealand, numbers unknown, a sovereign and a half-sovereign. Offenders are described as one being about thirty years of age, about 5 ft. 10 in. high, clean-shaven except moustache; dressed in dark clothes, soft-felt hat pulled over his eyes. The other was about 6 ft. high, dressed in dark clothes, with soft-felt hat pulled over eyes. When struggling on the ground complainant cut one of the assailants on the hand with his knife. Identification doubtful.

AUCKLAND.—Mrs. Martha Milton, Union Bank, Palmerston North, reports stolen from her bedroom at Mr. Moritzson's, Shortland Street, on the 1st or 2nd instant, a purse containing a sovereign, a gold-bar brooch, about 1 in. long, set with three diamonds and two sapphires; a small miniature brooch, with her daughter's photograph in it: value, £6 11s. Brooches identifiable.

AUCKLAND.—Agnes Emma Keith reports stolen from her bedroom in the Star Hotel, on the 2nd or 3rd instant, a ladies' gold ring, set half round with seven or eight diamonds; value £30.

AVONDALE.—Mary Henrietta Cowan reports that about 4 a.m. on the 4th instant her dwelling was broken into, and the following stolen: A ladies' gold open-faced watch, No. 12121, is out of repair; a long brown-silk cord watch-chain, with gold bands about 10 in. apart; a gold-mounted oval mourning brooch, set with pearls: value, £15. Identifiable. A short man, wearing a skull cap, was seen leaving the bedroom where the theft was committed, but no further description can be given.

AVONDALE.—Frederick Parker, labourer, reports stolen from his dwelling, on the 24th ultimo, a Geneva lever open-faced nickel keyless watch, number unknown, glass cracked; a silver curb watch-chain, "Mexican silver" stamped on the bar, a 1900 threepenny-piece attached: value, £2. Identifiable.

NGARUAWAHIA.—Abraham Ngahiwi, farmer, reports stolen from his dwelling, between the 11th and 20th ultimo, a silver Waltham watch, No. 612, front case dented; and three large pieces of gum: value, £5. Suspicion attached to Samuel Joy. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, forty-one years of age, 5 ft. 5½ in. high, copper complexion, black hair, dark-brown eyes. (See *Police Gazette*, 1898, page 78.) A half-caste Maori.

PAEROA.—Laurus Westengaard (known as Louis Westengor) is charged on warrant with the theft, on the 4th instant, of a double-barrelled central-fire gun, with brass disc on the right side of stock, bottom lever action, right barrel worn at muzzle; also, about £6 in notes and about £4 in gold and silver, the property of Messrs. Bertelsen and Erasmus, dairy farmers: total value, £19. Offender is a native of Denmark, about thirty years of age, about 5 ft. 7 in. high, was employed rope-making by complainants, reddish moustache, thin in centre, strong at ends, broad shoulders, speaks English fairly well; has a wart on back of head, left side, visible through the hair; generally wears broad gold ring on third right finger; will probably be wearing a grey-coloured suit and cap, light boots, and carrying a small swag or parcel wrapped in his waterproof, probably fastened with a whip-thong. On the 4th instant, he took a ticket to Frankton Junction, at Tirohia Flag-station, and intended going to Auckland. The money was stolen from under a mattress in the bedroom.

HASTINGS.—May Ruddick, cook, reports stolen from her bedroom, Railway Hotel, on the 27th ultimo, a maroon-coloured purse, containing eleven £1 notes. Purse only identifiable.

FOXTON.—Albert Wickham, platelayer, Carnarvon, reports that, on the 5th instant, his dwelling was broken into and the following stolen: A sovereign and a threepenny-piece; a double-barrelled breech-loading gun, maker "Kepp and Son," crack in toe of stock and "1899" cut on one side of stock: value, £7 0s. 3d.

JOHNSONVILLE.—Mrs. Thomas Furze reports stolen from her bedroom in the White Hart Hotel, Ngahauranga, in April last, a gold bar-brooch, set with eleven small pearls in centre, one missing; a gold bar-brooch, sham-rose design on it set with pearls, amethyst in centre: value, £4 10s.

WELLINGTON.—Alexander McTavish, clerk, Fitzherbert Terrace, reports stolen from the office of the Club Hotel, on the 18th ultimo, a black infantry overcoat with white specks through it, no cape, lined in body with canvas, large collar, brass buttons removed and replaced by black ones. In one of the pockets there was a small black-leather purse containing £10 in notes and gold, a "E.B.B." pipe, a rubber folding tobacco-pouch, and a black and-orange scarf; value, £12 8s. Purse and coat only identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—Henry Hedlands reports stolen from his bedroom in the Private Hotel, Ingestre Street, on the 19th ultimo, a gentlemen's gold double watch-chain, curb pattern, with compass and square attached; also, £2 10s. in gold and 15s. in silver: total value, £6 15s. Chain identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—On the 22nd ultimo there was stolen from the swangers' room in the Commercial Travellers' Club, Hunter Street, a dark-green plush table-cover with frill edge, W with C T at top corners and W A at bottom corners worked in centre with yellow cotton; value, £1 8s. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—Mary Howell reports stolen from a cupboard in her dwelling, No. 13, Cambridge Terrace, on the 3rd instant, a ladies' gold hunting-watch, maker and number unknown; value, £5. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—Kenneth Smith, jeweller, 230, Willis Street, reports supposed stolen from him, on the 17th May last, a silver keyless hunting-watch, No. 5013695, maker "Elgin"; a 9-carat gold albert chain with long links, each alternate link twisted resembling the figure 8; a bunch of keys with steel chain, and a purse containing four sovereigns: total value, £13. Watch-chain and keys identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—Mrs. Henry Sutton reports stolen from her at the Manawatu Railway-station, on the 17th ultimo, a small black-morocco purse, containing a £5 note, two first-class return-tickets to Hawera, and a plain gold brooch, "M. A. S." engraved on it, value £1 5s.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.—David Henry Davies, baker, reports that, on the 18th ultimo, his dwelling and shop were broken into, and the following stolen: About £20 in notes, gold, and silver; a gentlemen's 9-carat gold hunting Rotherham watch, No. 34719; a 9-carat gold double-curb chain with a square gold locket attached; a gentleman's silver hunting lever watch, supposed maker "Denniston," number unknown; value, £44 6s. Suspicion attached to James Doyle. (See *Police Gazette*, 1900, pages 171 and 275.) Supposed dressed in a brown suit and brown soft-felt hat.