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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*.

Murder.

AUCKLAND.—On the 31st May last the Grand Hotel was destroyed by fire, and at an inquest held on the 15th instant the jury returned a verdict that Leonard, Eva, and Nina Johnston, and Frederick Ayres came to their death by suffocation, caused by the burning of the hotel, which was wilfully set on fire by Florence Jessica Newbigan Minns and other or others. Minns has been arrested for this offence and discharged.

Escaped Lunatics.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 155.)

JOHN YORSTON, who escaped from the Sunnyside Asylum, has been arrested by Constables Lemm and Johnston, Naseby police, and discharged.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 147.)

CHARLES McADAM, who escaped from the Seaclyff Asylum, has been arrested by Constable T. A. Godfrey, Charleston police, and recommitted to the Nelson Asylum.

Offences not otherwise Described.

AUCKLAND.—**Thomas Reid** is charged on warrant with having, on the 5th instant, assaulted Charles Bellet, thereby causing him actual bodily harm. Description: A native of New Zealand, twenty-five years of age, 5 ft. 5½ in. high, medium build, fair complexion, brown hair, grey eyes, clean-shaven except fair moustache, was driver for Corley (baker's cart); dressed in blue vicuna suit and black hard hat. He is said to have left Auckland on the 11th instant.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 167.)

AUCKLAND.—**Puhipi Matui**, alias Busby Matthews, charged with false pretences on William Henry Whitehead, has been arrested by Detective J. McIlveney, Auckland police, and committed to the Supreme Court for sentence.

NEWTON (AUCKLAND).—**Edward Black**, alias **James Wilson**, is charged on warrant with having, on the 28th June, 1901, assaulted Mary Heffernan in Montague Street, Auckland. Description: A native of New Zealand, a wood-hawker, twenty years of age, 5 ft. 4½ in. high, fresh complexion, light-brown hair, grey eyes. (See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 223.)

(See *Police Gazette*, 1899, page 257.)

HELENSVILLE.—**Kenneth McLean Black**, charged with forging and uttering a cheque to Ernest Samuel Sretton, has been arrested by Detective W. Maddern, Auckland police, and sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

KARANGAHAKE.—**Frank Halloran** is charged on warrant of commitment to Auckland Gaol for fourteen days in default of paying £4 14s. 6d. fine and costs, for theft. Description: Colonial, a carter, twenty-four years of age, about 5 ft. 6 in. high, medium build, dark complexion and hair, moustache only, heavy dark eyebrows, grey eyes; usually dressed in dark clothes, grey Dr. Jim hat. His father runs a bandcart in Auckland. On the 10th April last offender was convicted, and was allowed six weeks to pay the fine and costs, but failed to do so. He was last seen at Paeroa, on the 2nd ultimo.

NORMANBY.—**Thomas Doherty** is charged on warrant of commitment to New Plymouth Gaol for fourteen days in default of paying £5 8s. 6d. fine and costs for drunkenness and assaulting the police. Description: Colonial, twenty-one years of age, 6 ft. high, loose thin build, sandy hair, slight sandy moustache, grey eyes, turned-up nose, fond of drink. On the 20th May last offender was fined the above amount and allowed a month to pay. He was last heard of at Whangamomona.

WANGANUI.—**Pinjar** is charged on warrant of commitment to Wanganui Gaol for twenty-four hours in default of paying fine and costs for a breach of the borough by-laws. Offender is a foreigner, and travels from town to town playing an organ on the streets for a living.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 84.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—**Margaret Griffiths**, charged with failing to send her child to school, has been arrested by Constable J. J. Cassells, Christchurch police. Fine and costs paid.

ASHBURTON.—**John Schofield** is charged on warrant of commitment to Ashburton Police Gaol for seventy-two hours' hard labour in default of paying £1 5s. fine and costs for drunkenness. Description: A native of England, labourer, forty-six years of age, 6 ft. 0½ in. high, medium build, fair complexion, brown hair whiskers beard and moustache, left eye blind; usually wears brown tweed coat, dungaree trousers, soft black-felt hat. Is fond of drink. On the 8th ultimo he was fined for drunkenness and allowed time to pay, but failed to do so.

INVERCARGILL.—**William Hurley** is charged on warrant with false pretences on John Campbell on the 3rd April, 1901. Description: Supposed Colonial, about thirty