

NIGHTCAPS.—C. P. Roberts, commission agent, reports stolen from his bedroom in Mrs. Fitzsimmons's Hotel, Wairoa, on the 15th or 16th ultimo, a gentlemen's gold ring set with three rubies; value, £3 10s. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to *J. Forde* (name probably fictitious), about twenty-two years of age, thick-set build, has a heavy dark moustache.

OREPUKI.—John Wilson and Richard Moore, miners, report stolen from their bedroom in Wilson's Family Hotel, on the 7th ultimo, a gold hunting Geneva lever watch (No. 38656), a gold Maltese-cross medal, an imitation-gold chain, the property of John Wilson, value £12; a silver Geneva lever hunting-watch (No. 176437), a double silver chain, four coins, and a Jubilee farthing, the property of Richard Moore, value £5. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to a man, name unknown, about 5 ft. 7 in. high, medium build, fair complexion, clean-shaved, has a small white patch on side of jaw; dressed in brown suit, light-coloured hat. Is supposed identical with J. J. F. Smith (see following paragraph).

(See *Police Gazette*, 1902, page 26.)

DUNEDIN.—J. J. F. Smith, charged on warrant with theft of a watch from James McCoy, is identical with *Taylor*, alias *Smith*, suspected of theft from the Caledonian Hotel, Napier (see *Police Gazette*, 1902, pages 16 and 17), and is also supposed identical with man, name unknown, suspected of theft of watches at Orepuki (see preceding paragraph).

Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

AUCKLAND.—Robert Campbell and Christian Anson report stolen from the s.s. "Akaroa," on the 26th December last, an order for £3 on Mr. Parker, owner of s.s. "Akaroa"; 10s. in silver; and a new dark-blue coat—the property of Robert Campbell: total value, £5 10s. A nearly new dark-tweed suit; a new silver Waterbury watch; gold-washed chain, long square links, small rings connecting links; locket with photo and hair in it attached—the property of Christian Anson: total value, £5 15s. Identifiable.

EDEN TERRACE (AUCKLAND).—Philip Blampied, bootmaker, Kyber Pass, reports that on the 1st or 2nd instant his shop was broken into, and the following stolen: A pair of men's tan Oxford shoes, size 7 or 8; a pair of men's black-leather Balmoral boots, size 8; two pairs of men's black-leather Balmoral boots, size 7 or 8; a pair of men's tan Balmoral boots, size 7 or 8: value, £3 11s. 6d. Identifiable.

AVONDALE (AUCKLAND).—Charles Holloway, bootmaker, reports that on the 9th or 10th ultimo his shop was broken into, and the following stolen: A pair of dark-tan boots, size 6, slightly damaged; two pairs black-leather sewn boots, sizes 6 and 7; a dark-tan left-foot boot, size 6; a black-leather left-foot boot, size 6; a pair of heavy black water-tights, size 6; a pair of black-leather slippers, size 3; a pair of white canvas shoes, size 5; a box each of mohair boot and shoe laces.

AVONDALE (AUCKLAND).—William Lomes Cox, school-teacher, reports stolen from the waiting-room at Henderson Railway-station, on the 17th ultimo, a new tweed sac coat, check pattern, with almost invisible red stripes $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. apart; value, £2. Suspicion attached to *James*, alias *John*, *Dunn*. Description: A native of New Zealand, fisherman, thirty years of age, 5 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. high, pale complexion, dark-brown hair. (See *Police Gazette*, 1902, page 19.)

DEVONPORT.—George McGarry, cab-proprietor, reports stolen from his stables, on the 25th ultimo, two canvas horse-covers: one of them has white-flannel lining, patch near the rump, maker's name ("Grentinton") stamped on back; value, £1 10s. Identifiable.

DEVONPORT.—David Andrew Nairn reports that on the 23rd or 24th ultimo his shop was broken into, and about 40 lb. tobacco, fifty boxes Old Judge cigarettes, and about 7s. in coppers stolen; value, £11 5s.

HAWERA.—Patrick Donnelly, labourer, reports stolen, on the 29th ultimo, a silver lever hunting-watch, No. 60685, "Stewart Dawson and Co." on dial; value, £6 10s. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to *Reuben Baldwin*. Description: A native of New Zealand, a labourer, twenty-two years of age, 5 ft. 10 in. high, smart active build, sallow complexion, dark hair, small brown moustache only, brown eyes. Parents reside at Normandy.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 262.)

PALMERSTON NORTH.—Walter Clifford, charged on warrant with theft of John B. Clark's bicycle, has been arrested by Constable J. Forster, Foxton police, at Wellington, and remanded.

WELLINGTON.—Charles Herd, labourer, care Mr. Hallwell, contractor, Cathedral Square, Christchurch, reports stolen from his bunk in the s.s. "Moura," between Napier and Wellington, on the 20th ultimo, a gentlemen's open-faced silver English lever watch (maker's name and number unknown) and a silver curb chain; value, £2. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—John Edward Jenkinson, 8, Customhouse Quay, reports supposed stolen, on or about the 1st December 1899, a Victor bicycle, No. 86142; value, £11. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to *William P. L. Tobin*, a canvasser and hotel-hand, a good piano-player, about thirty-five years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, medium build, dark complexion and moustache; usually dressed in dark clothes. He hired the bicycle, and was last heard of at Kaitioura or Blenheim in June, 1900, where he had been employed canvassing for the Government Life Insurance.

MANNERS STREET (WELLINGTON).—David Smith, labourer Cuba Street, reports stolen from his clothes-line, on the 19th ultimo, a large blue-and-white-striped shirt, a double-breasted grey-flannel shirt marked T.L.S. on front, and a pair of black-cashmere socks; value, 10s. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette* 1902, page 17.)

WELLINGTON SOUTH.—Theft from Duck King's shop: John Cooper has been arrested for this offence by Acting-Detective F. S. Cox and Constable Griffiths, Wellington police, and sentenced to one month. The stolen watch recovered.

AHAURA.—*William Fleming* is charged on warrant with the theft, on the 30th January, 1902, of £31 18s. 5d., moneys of the Black Ball Lodge of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Description: A native of New Zealand; parents reside at Huntly, Auckland; a coal-miner, about thirty years of age, about 5 ft. 6 in. high, fair complexion, slight cast in one eye, light fair moustache only; dressed in dark clothes. Was last seen on the 30th ultimo going towards Greymouth. He was acting-treasurer to the lodge, and on the books being examined the above deficiency was discovered.

CHRISTCHURCH.—Mrs. Jennie Harper Elmslie reports stolen from her clothes-line in Litchfield Street, on the 4th instant, a fancy Tenerife afternoon-tea linen tablecloth; value, £1 5s. Identifiable.

SUMNER (CHRISTCHURCH).—On the 30th ultimo there was stolen from the Post-office at Sumner a small tin cash-box, about 9 in. long, enamelled black and gold, containing £10 in sovereigns and half-sovereigns, £7 in silver, 5s. 9d. in coppers, a £5 note, three £1 notes, a crossed cheque on the National Bank of New Zealand drawn by S. Saunders, old-age-pension certificate drawn in favour of John Maffey; total value, £26 5s. 9d.

KUROW.—William Fraser, blacksmith, reports supposed stolen in transit between Kurow and Oamaru, between the 4th and 7th ultimo, a letter containing five £1 notes on the National Bank of New Zealand, two £1 notes on the Bank of New Zealand, and an order for £1 7s. 6d. on the National Mortgage Company, Dunedin, signed Hector Stoddard. The letter, which was not registered, was posted on the train, and addressed to Mr. G. Manley, coal merchant, Oamaru, who failed to receive it.

COALGATE.—Between the 18th and 20th ultimo the school-house at Homebush was broken into, and a towel marked F.A.W., three boxes of paints, and a bottle of red ink stolen; value, 5s. 3d.

ALEXANDRA.—*George Carter*, alias *Richard Tempest*, is charged on warrant with theft, on the 24th ultimo, of a road-racing Record bicycle, No. 387, makers Cooke, Howlinson, and Co., Dunedin, the property of Norman L. Reid, watchmaker; value, £20. Identifiable. Offender is a native of New Zealand, a theatrical, about twenty-six years of age, about 5 ft. 9 in. high, medium build, fresh complexion, fair hair, clean-shaved; has been recently touring the gold-fields with Barrie Marehall; dressed in dark-tweed sac suit and hard black-felt hat; lifts heavy weights with his teeth. He hired the bicycle to ride to Roxburgh to engage the hall for the Valdares, but has not been seen since, and has probably sold the bicycle.