

Housebreaking, Stealing from the Person, &c.

FREEMAN'S BAY (AUCKLAND).—John McLeod, basket-maker, reports stolen from his dwelling in Cook Street, on the 11th instant, a keyless open-faced nickel-plated watch, value 10s.; three gold shirt-studs, two of them are ship's wheel pattern with a diamond in centre, the third set with a bloodstone in centre, value £2 10s. Identifiable.

DARGAVILLE.—John Grego, gum-digger reports that on the 13th instant his where was broken into, and the following stolen: A boot-trunk containing a black-cloth sac suit (size 5), two woollen undershirts, a pair of woollen drawers, a brown-felt hat, a white dress shirt, a Post-office Savings-bank book in name of John Grego, a passport, and an Austrian drill-book; value, £4 17s. Identifiable.

GISBORNE.—Bertram Henderson, stable keeper, reports stolen from his bedroom in the Whatatutu Hotel, on the 5th November last, a silver hunting Waltham watch (No. 5187), a German gold curb chain, and a 9-carat gold signet ring with heart-shaped stone; value, £5.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1902, page 258.)

TE KUITI.—John Hughes, charged with theft from Jeremiah Power, has been arrested by Constable J. A. Mathew, Te Kuiti police.

NAPIER.—John Arnett Miller, shepherd, care of J. H. Smith, runholder, Dannevirke, reports stolen from his bedroom in the City Buffet Hotel, on the 31st ultimo, a black-leather pocket-book, containing three £5 notes, five £1 notes (supposed on the Bank of New Zealand), a discharge from the Fifth New Zealand Contingent, and a receipt for a saddle and bridle; value, £20 5s. 6d.

FELLDING.—John Horn, jun., farmer, reports stolen from his dwelling at Halcombe, on the 21st ultimo, a ladies' American lever gold keyless watch, value £10; a gold bracelet with hinge, padlock attached, value £4; a pair of field-glasses with leather partly worn off, value £2; a gold ring set with diamond and two rubies, value £7; a gentlemen's gold ring set with diamond, value £3; a brown-leather pocket-book, value 2s. 6d.; a white-silk handkerchief, value 10s.; a blue-black waterproof coat with sleeves and cape, red and blue squares on inside, value £3; a pair of nickel-silver spurs, value 7s. 6d.; a washed-gold muff-chain, value 10s.; a yellow-handled and a black-handled Hollis hollow-ground razor; and about £2 13s. in silver. Identifiable, except money.

RONGOTEA.—Robert Brown, labourer, reports stolen from his where, on the 13th instant, a silver hunting lever watch, supposed No. 29184, maker's name on dial; a silver watch-chain with silver-mounted greenstone attached; value, £5 10s.

UPPER HUTT. Charles Richard Haybittle, farmer, reports stolen from his dwelling at Silverstream, on the 22nd instant, a very old gold verge watch, gold hands, two threads of fine gold and one of platinum round the edge of face in fancy work, ring of watch chased, value £30; a half-hoop diamond and ruby engagement-ring, value £13; an imitation-pearl necklace tied with white ribbon, and a bottle of brandy, value 12s. 6d. Suspicion attached to a swagger, about twenty-six years of age, about 5 ft. 7 in. or 8 in. high, medium build, fair complexion, fair moustache only; dressed in light-grey tweed suit, dark cap, no vest. May have been a fireman or trimmer, as a parcel containing dungarees and a pair of boots with the soles burned were found outside the house.

WELLINGTON.—Leslie Rolfe, driver, reports stolen from his bedroom in Curtis's boardinghouse, on the 3rd instant, a nearly new gold keyless hunting-watch, supposed No. 1895, dog and flowers engraved on back; a ladies' double silver chain with twisted links, a tassel and silver sovereign-case attached; a white-silk handkerchief, flowers and L.R. thereon; and a white-silk handkerchief with red border; value, £5. Identifiable.

MOUNT COOK (WELLINGTON).—James Webb and John Webb report stolen from their dwelling in Tory Street, on the 24th instant, a gold watch-chain with plain links joined with gold threads (value £10), six small split links, and £5 10s. in gold, the property of James Webb; ten sovereigns and a small leather purse, the property of John Webb. Chain, purse, and one sovereign identifiable.

BLenheim.—Alfred Reynolds, flaxmill-hand, reports stolen from his hut at Tua Marina, on the 24th or 25th ultimo, a gentlemen's silver English lever hunting-watch, No. 448976; value, £4. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to *Leonard Barton*. Description: A flaxmill-hand, about thirty years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, medium build, fair moustache only,

F.W. tattooed on one arm. Supposed to have left for Wellington.

NELSON.—Gustavus M. Mathieson, hotelkeeper, reports stolen from his hotel in Bridge Street, between the 25th ultimo and 9th instant, a ladies' pepper-and-salt walking-coat; a small gold brooch made out of a Masonic stud, J.K. on back; and a gold chain bangle with padlock; value, £9 15s. Coat and brooch identifiable. Suspicion attached to *Mary Ready*. Description: Cook, forty-six years of age, medium height and build, dark hair and complexion, very talkative, fond of drink, slovenly appearance. Left by s.s. "Mapourika" for Wellington on the 27th ultimo.

SEDDONVILLE.—James Gladstone, alias Stewart, alias Holt, alias De Wet, alias William Gilford, is charged on warrant with the theft, on the 11th instant, of money and clothes, the property of Charles Matthews; value £10 9s. 6d. Description: Supposed English, twenty-three years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, medium build, fair hair and complexion, very slight fair moustache only, pimples on face; takes very long strides when walking; dressed in brownish-tweed sac suit and very light brown or black Dr. Jim hat.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1902, page 280, and 1903, page 13.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—Harry Nevin, alias Niven, alias Nielson, charged with theft from Thomas Miller, has been arrested by Constable A. Brown, Temuka police.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1902, page 280, and 1903, page 2.)

SHEFFIELD.—Gilbert Henderson now states the number of his watch is 96180.

TEMUKA.—Walter Beckingham, furniture-dealer, reports that between the 26th ultimo and 3rd instant his hut was broken into, and the following stolen: Three pairs of white blankets, two light-coloured eiderdown quilts, two pairs of socks, a pair of old grey pants, and a tin billy; value, £3.

DUNEDIN.—Carl Jrivel, alias Jriebi, alias Glandor, is charged with theft, on the 6th instant, of a banjo and case (recovered), the property of Alfred Brown, hotelkeeper, Peliche Bay; value, £15. Description: A native of Germany, seaman and hotel porter, forty-eight years of age, looks younger, 5 ft. 8 in. high, fair complexion, fair moustache only, light-brown hair, blue eyes, large nose, woman with flag on right arm. Warrant to issue.

Stealing Otherwise than from the Person or from Dwellings.

AUCKLAND.—Antonio Labrovecch, sailor, reports stolen from his bunk in the fore-castle of the s.s. "Zealandia," on the 5th instant, a gentlemen's gold hunting lever watch (No. 1781386), an 18-carat gold Albert with long links attached, watch and chain well worn; value, £7. Identifiable.

GISBORNE.—W. F. Sinclair reports stolen from his stable, on the 13th or 14th instant, an English hogskin saddle, heavy plated stirrup-irons, leather girth, double-reined bridle with red-leather forehead-band, a headstall bridle with heavy polo bit; value, £8. Identifiable.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1901, page 115.)

GISBORNE.—Theft from Mansen Hannah: The shawl has been recovered by Acting-Detective G. Nixon from Eliza Dickerson, who purchased it from Louisa Clark, now supposed to be in Launceston, Tasmania.

(See *Police Gazette*, 1902, page 216.)

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Leonard Webster's bicycle has been recovered by Constable J. McKae, and traced to the possession of Arthur Charles Rollo, who is now undergoing a sentence in Auckland Gaol. (See *Police Gazette*, 1902, page 293.)

PATEA.—G. D. Adam, No. 7, Spencer Street, reports stolen from his bicycle, near the Masonic Hotel, on the 14th instant, a brown-check waterproof cycling-cape, slightly worn; a white-linen shirt with double cuffs; a pair of woollen socks; a razor, "1,000" engraved on it; and a white bone-handled shaving-brush; value, £1 7s. Identifiable.

PAHIA TUA.—On the 10th or 11th instant the Wairarapa Farmers' Co-operative Store was broken into, and the following stolen: Two white-silk handkerchiefs; two pairs dark-tan button boots, sizes 7 and 8; a pair of black broad damp-proof lace-up boots; one or two pairs heavy nailed watertight boots with heel-plates; a black soft-felt hat; a gentlemen's mackintosh with cape, large red-and-blue check lining, "Wairarapa Farmers' Co-operative Association" on ticket gummed to inside of back; value, £8 1s. 6d. Identifiable.