

identifiable; property of ARTHUR TAYLOR, farmer, Brookside. Also a dark - enamelled Gamage bicycle, No. 2688, reversible handles, and Palmer rims, value £10; identifiable; property of CHARLES TAYLOR, labourer, Brookside. Suspicion attached to two Burnham absconders, Joseph Talke and Joseph Allan Smith, who were seen loitering about Taylor's place before the bicycles were missed. Talke is eighteen years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. high, slight build, thin pale face, fair hair and complexion, slightly freckled, sharp features; dressed in blue-dungaree coat and tweed trousers. Smith is twenty years of age, 5 ft. 8 in. high, pale complexion, brown hair and eyes, large nose and mouth, frowning expression; dressed in moleskin coat and trousers.

COALGATE.—Between 6th and 13th instant, from the dwelling of WILLIAM SHIPLEY, farmer, Greendale, a cheque, No. Z/8926, for £3 3s., drawn by Field and Boyd on the Bank of New Zealand, Christchurch, in favour of Wm. Shipley, and dated 2nd April, 1908; also a cheque, No. 58652, on the New Zealand Farmers' Co-operative Association, Christchurch, amount not filled in, signed William Shipley; and 14s. in silver. Cheques only identifiable. Suspicion attached to William James Crombie, a Burnham boy, age sixteen, height 5 ft. 8 in., well built, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion, slightly freckled, full round face; dressed in moleskin trousers and dark tweed coat and vest. Crombie was employed on Shipley's farm, and left suddenly on 10th instant without breakfast, saying he was going to the North Island.

TIMARU.—3rd instant, from a building in Timaru, property of CHARLES ERNEST THOMAS, surgeon, a gentlemen's black-enamelled free-wheel old-pattern Rudge-Whitworth bicycle, straight handle-bars, back-peddalling and rim brakes, old-fashioned front brake, rubber pedals, a candle-lamp locked on front of machine, clicks when going; value, £10. Identifiable.

GERALDINE.—31st ultimo, from the tent of ERNEST COBBLEDICK, carpenter, a ladies' silver hunting-watch, maker Baume, glass and ring-pin missing, "M. O'Connell" on inside front case, flowers engraved on cases, with plain centre for monogram; value, £4. Identifiable.

WAIMATE.—5th or 6th instant, from the verandah of W. E. EVANS, tailor, Waimate, a gentlemen's free-wheel Fritz bicycle, straight handle-bars, back-peddalling brake, New Departure hub, rat-trap pedals; and a fishing-rod, three joints, ferrule on tip, in brown-canvas case: total value, £12 5s. Identifiable.

OAMARU.—1st or 2nd instant, from Thames Street, property of WILLIAM EDWARDS, clerk, Oamaru, a gentlemen's old black-enamelled Swift bicycle, maker Brown and Co., Oamaru, with Edie free-wheel and back-peddalling brake, up-turned handles, new tires and tubes; value, £6 10s. Identifiable.

KING STREET (DUNEDIN).—2nd ultimo, from the post-office, North Dunedin, property of Mrs. ALEXANDER DIPPY, George Street, Dunedin, a brown-leather brief-bag, with large black stain on bottom, torn yellow lining, containing a ladies' brown skirt, a black blouse, and a pair of children's lace-up boots newly half-soled; total value, £2. Identifiable.

DUNEDIN.—Between 31st ultimo and 7th instant, from s.s. "Mokoia," between Auckland and Dunedin, property of P. HAYMAN AND CO., Dunedin, eight Gelllette patent safety electro-plated razor-holders, 3 in. long, with double teeth to carry blade, enclosed in black case, each containing one dozen blades; also holder for dull blades: value £9 13s. Not identifiable.

INVERCARGILL.—30th ultimo, from Tay Street, property of S. CRAIG, printer, a gentlemen's free-wheel Victor bicycle, No. 15273, two brakes, white handles, lamp attached; value £10. Identifiable.

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

WOODVILLE.—JAMES CARROLL'S dwelling broken into: The ladies' watch and silver match-box have been recovered, and William Cameron, alias Howard, and Edward Coyle arrested for the offence by Acting-Detective A. Quartermain, Constables George Baker, and D. Mahoney, and committed for trial. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, pages 139 and 163.) Thomas Grgan, alias O'Brien, is also wanted for the above offence. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 161.)

REEFTON.—Dr. E. H. SCOTT'S watch and chain have been recovered. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 29.)

WESTPORT.—GEORGE McMILLAN'S case and contents have been found in the Westport Coal Company's shed at Denniston, where it had been sent by mistake, and returned to the owner. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 171.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—CHARLES ARMSTRONG'S bicycle has been found: not stolen. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 99.)

DUNEDIN SOUTH.—HARRY DAWE'S bicycle has been recovered, and Charles Mason arrested for the offence by Constable Macartney, Dunedin South police, and admonished and discharged. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 147.)

INVERCARGILL.—W. MARTIN'S bicycle has been found: not stolen. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 107.)

DESERTERS FROM HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

From H.M.S. "Prometheus," at Melbourne.
On 5th March, 1908.

William H. Searle, age twenty-seven, height 5 ft. 5 in., signalman, native of England, black hair, hazel eyes, sallow complexion, scar on left cheek, two small scars on forehead over right eyebrow, small pit between eyebrows.

Charles E. Biddle, age twenty, height 5 ft. 8 in., stoker, native of England, black hair, grey eyes, fresh complexion, rising sun tattooed on right arm.

William H. Standish, age twenty-eight, height 5 ft. 4½ in., stoker, native of England, brown hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion, flag, bracelet, and horse-shoe on left arm, heart on right arm.

Alfred Saunders, age twenty-five, height 5 ft. 9 in., A.B., native of Ireland, brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion.

A reward of £3 each is offered for the apprehension of the above offenders if put on board before 5th March, 1910.

INQUIRIES, ETC., FROM OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND.

SYDNEY.—A warrant has been issued by the Cooma Bench for the arrest of William Johnson, alias Wallace, charged with escaping from lawful custody. Description: Twenty-eight years of age, 5 ft. 9½ in. high, slight build, dark complexion, brown hair, beard reddish-brown, brown eyes, aquiline nose, long face, long narrow hands, burn-mark inside left wrist, scars second joint right little finger and left thumb, smart appearance; dressed in dark-blue serge sac suit, soft brown-felt hat, white-cotton shirt, turned-down collar, and light boots, pointed toes. When convicted in 1899 (*vide* New South Wales Photo. Book 41, page 212) offender's year of birth was given as 1872. (05/899.)

PERTH (WESTERN AUSTRALIA).—Inquiry requested for Michael Hughes, age about sixty-seven, height 5 ft. 2½ in., a bootmaker, native of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England, medium to stout build, round visage, ruddy complexion, dark-hazel eyes, scar near left eye and on back of neck; son of Thomas and Bridget Hughes, both deceased. Had two sisters, Catherine and Ellen, all of Wolverhampton. Arrived at Freemantle, W.A., from England, in the ship "Lord Dalhousie," on 28th December, 1863, and left in the barque "Alfred Hawley" for the Eastern States, on 13th September, 1883. Inquiry at the instance of his niece, Mrs. Wm. J. Jackson, nee Mullany, 1712 Ann Street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. (08/917.)

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Rewards.

Acting-Detectives R. Ward, No. 1066, and T. Gibson, No. 1030, Christchurch police, have been awarded £1 10s. each for the arrest of Bert Blackmore, a deserter from H.M.S. "Challenger" at Adelaide. (08/41.)