

FAIRLIE.—**Eliza Lewis** has been found in domestic service at Akaroa, and has promised to write to her parents. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 52.) ✓

HAMPDEN.—**John Joseph Culling** has been found. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 121.) ✓

OWAKA.—**William Woodrow**, thett, has been arrested by Constable F. W. Chapman, Denniston police. (See *Police Gazette*, 1905, page 402, and 1906, page 108.) ✓

PROPERTY STOLEN.

TAUMARUNUI.—7th instant, between Taumarunui and Auckland, property of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL, a letter, posted at Taumarunui by Joseph Ricketts, traveller, addressed to his employers, Grey and Ford, Newton, Auckland, containing a cheque, No. 896207, for £5 5s. 1d., drawn on the Bank of New South Wales, Auckland, by the Puketapu Sawmilling Company, Matapuna, in favour of No. 890; also a £5 note and four single notes, bank and numbers unknown. Cheque only identifiable. On 7th instant two letters, one containing the cheque and notes above referred to, and the other a list of orders, were posted by Ricketts at Taumarunui in printed envelopes addressed to Grey and Ford. The letter containing the list of orders reached the firm safely, but no trace of the other can be got. The postal official at Taumarunui who made up the mail for Auckland on 7th instant distinctly remembers putting two printed envelopes addressed to Grey and Ford into the mail-bag on that date.

NAPIER.—26th ultimo, from a flag-pole on Marine Parade, property of GEORGE L. KING, draper, a red white and blue flag, 3 ft. by 18 in., sewn with white cotton; value, 10s. Identifiable.

DANNEVIRKE.—21st ultimo, from railway-carriage between Dannevirke and Matamau, property of HERBERT BEATSON, contractor, Feilding, a greeny-grey three-quarter Chesterfield overcoat, with five pockets, trade-mark "Rain-proof" on tab; value, £2. Identifiable.

DANNEVIRKE.—21st ultimo, from railway-carriage between Dannevirke and Matamau, property of DAVID LANG YOUNGER, farmer, Feilding, a light-grey riding-mackintosh, has been torn and repaired in right-hand front corner; value, £2 10s. Identifiable.

WANGANUI.—4th or 5th instant, from the verandah of a dwelling in St. Hill Street, property of LEWIS V. KIRBY, clerk, a gentlemen's Raleigh bicycle, 24 in. frame, straight handle-bars, tortoise-shell grips, rat-trap pedals, new mud-guards; value, £8. Identifiable.

WANGANUI.—6th or 7th instant, from a paddock at Springvale, Wanganui, property of ROBERT LINSSSEN, baker, Glasgow Street, a set of light Bradley silver-mounted harness, traces missing from set; value, £8. Identifiable.

WANGANUI.—Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 14th instant, from the lecture-room of the WANGANUI MUSEUM, a large shell with "The Lord's Supper," and smaller pictures of "The Sacred Heart," "Flight into Egypt," and "Babes in the Wood" carved on it; a small Chinese carving, about 1½ in. long, in the form of a brooch; three small shell cameos; a small coloured picture in Italian enamel of a boy, about 1 in. in diameter; and a piece of amber carved like a shell: value not at present known. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—On 11th or 12th instant the NEW ZEALAND ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS was broken into, and the oil-painting by B. W. Leader, entitled "Southward from Surrey's Pleasant Hills," stolen; value, £500. The picture is 5 ft. by 4 ft. in size, and was taken out of the frame. A dark-lantern, a jemmy, and a brace were left behind by the offender. (See *Police Gazette*, 1908, page 171.) The painting was exhibited at the Royal Academy, London, in 1903, and a copy of it appears in the Academy pictures for that year, but, by mistake, the name of "Sunset after Rain" appears on the face of the copy, though the title given

in the index is "Southward from Surrey's Pleasant Hills." The picture was also exhibited at the recent Christchurch Exhibition.



The above photograph is a copy from one in the possession of Mrs. Rhodes, of Wellington, who donated the painting to the Academy.

WELLINGTON.—14th instant, from the dwelling of MARTHA DIDSBURY, Wellington Terrace, an eight-pointed-star pearl pendant, one pearl missing, in black case with "Stewart Dawson" thereon; a gold necklet, small links; a square locket pendant, with crown at top and knobs all round; three pair of scissors, one pair broken; a metal door-key; and five sovereigns: total value, £11. Identifiable, except money. Breaking and entering.

WELLINGTON.—13th ultimo, from Tasman Street, property of HOWARD MURDOCK, care of South British Insurance Company, Wellington, a gentlemen's old free-wheel bicycle, Nos. 10931 and 277732, 26 in. frame, upturned handles, rat-trap pedals, Brooks saddle, mud-guards; value, £15. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—2nd instant, from the Technical School, property of ERNEST WOOD, plumber, Berhampore, a gentlemen's black-enamelled bicycle, reversible handle-bars, roller and back-pedalling brakes, rat-trap pedals, shield on front with "Built for E. Wood by J. O. Shorland and Co., Wellington, N.Z." inscribed thereon; value, £13. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—11th instant, from s.s. "Moeraki," just prior to or shortly after leaving Sydney for Wellington, property of JULIUS KNIGHT, actor, care of Williamson's Dramatic Company, a gentlemen's dark-grey tweed overcoat, with large brown-check stripe throughout, patent fasteners from armpits down to enlarge size of coat, pockets of different material to rest of coat; value, £7 7s. Identifiable.

NELSON.—23rd ultimo, from Trafalgar Street, property of JOHN SYDNEY WINSTANLEY, telegraphist, a gentlemen's black-enamelled "Raleigh" bicycle, about 26 in. frame, straight handle-bars with cork grips, rubber pedals, rubber hand-brake front tire, two or three spokes out of back wheel, Brooks saddle with spiral springs some of which are broken; value, £10. Identifiable.

LEESTON.—14th instant, from a stable at Brookside, a gentlemen's dark-enamelled Sterling bicycle, wide handle-bars slightly drooped, front wheel very loose, value £8;