

MATIERE.—During the night of the 28th ultimo JOHN MAY'S billiard-saloon at Ohura was broken into, and the following stolen therefrom: A gentlemen's gold ring (stone missing from centre); a blank cheque on the Union Bank of Australia, Ohura, signed "John May"; several receipts and letters; a Tucker patent till, containing £9 10s.: total value, £12 15s. Identifiable.

GISBORNE.—On or about the 15th ultimo, from a paddock, the property of PATRICK GAVIN, Aberdeen Road, a three-year-old bay pony, 14 hands (broken); value, £5. Identifiable.

MANGAWEKA.—During the night of 14th instant the shop of HUGH JOHNSTON, draper, was broken into, and the following stolen therefrom: A dark large rug; two dark woollen Kaiapoi shirts; a fawn-gabardine raincoat; a white sweater; a pair of black boots, size 8; a pair of nailed heavy shooting-boots; a grey-felt hat; a fawn-felt hat; a brown suit, size 5; a fawn-grey sport's coat; two heavy woollen singlets; two pairs of heavy ribbed underpants; a Roslyn singlet; a pair of Roslyn underpants; two pairs of dark saddle-tweed trousers; braces; collars; and ties: total value, £26 7s. 6d. Identifiable.

PALMERSTON NORTH.—3rd instant, from a locker in the jockeys' room at Otaki Racecourse, the property of HERBERT STUART, jockey, Featherston, a gentlemen's rolled-gold hunting keyless watch, No. 629412, heart engraved on front case; a silver curb double watch-chain, with a heart-shaped silver medal attached: total value, £7 13s. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—During the night of the 16th ultimo, from the dwelling of WINIFRED JEPSON, 13 Barker Street, an 18 ct. gold engagement-ring, set with five small diamonds in claw setting, "K" inside; and a ladies' gold ring, set with eight small diamonds around a sapphire on two gold leaves on top: total value, £15. Identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—During the night of the 8th instant, from clothing in the dressing-room at the Wellington Meat Export Company's works, the property of ALBERT BURRIDGE, 16 John Street, a gentlemen's silver hunting Rotherhams watch, "No. 7788" scratched inside, gold hands; and 14s. 1d.: total value, £7 9s. 1d. Watch only identifiable.

WELLINGTON.—24th ultimo, from THOMAS FREDERICK SPARKS'S bedroom at the Selwyn Hotel, a small leather brief-bag, with "T. F. Sparks, Lodge Hinemoa, No. 122," on flap, containing a Masonic apron and a lodge parchment certificate; a leather hold-all, containing four razors, made by Cadman and Sons, Sheffield; a razor-strop, with "La France, British Manufacture," on it; and two razor-bones: total value, £9 14s. Identifiable.

GREYMOUTH.—2nd instant, from CHARLES LAMONT'S hair-dressing shop in Mawhera Quay, a black-enamelled cash-box, about 9 in. by 4 in. by 3 in., with gold lines, containing £23 in £1 notes and silver. Suspicion is attached to Harold Victor Ruscoe, age twenty-two, height 5 ft. 7 in., ex-jockey, native of New Zealand, medium build, fair hair and complexion, blue eyes; usually dressed in a dark suit with a white stripe through it and a black-velour hat. He has been interviewed, but no evidence resulted. (See Police Gazette, 1920, page 746.)

CHRISTCHURCH.—3rd ultimo, from a room at the Zetland Hotel, the property of EDWARD TEAGUE, shearer, Culverden, a German automatic revolver, No. 1562, with "Bay 21 J.R. 8 K. 25" on it; and a light-brown trench coat: total value, £9 10s. Revolver identifiable. *Recovered 2/10/21.*

LAWRENCE.—Between the 4th and 30th ultimo the Fire Brigade Station was broken into, and two copper Rex Brand 4-gallon fire-extinguishers with screw tops, about 30 lb. each, stolen therefrom: total value, £20. Identifiable, the property of the LAWRENCE FIRE BOARD. *Recovered 2/11/21*

GORE.—ALEXANDER GEORGE BUTLER'S watch stolen: The suspect, Frederick Richard Close, has been arrested for the offence by the Christchurch police. The watch has not been recovered. (See Police Gazette, 1921, page 287.)

PROPERTY RECOVERED.

HASTINGS.—THEODORE MAURICE WOOD'S bicycle has been recovered by the Hastings police. (See Police Gazette, 1918, page 615.)

WELLINGTON.—PHYLLIS HOBDAV'S clothing has been found hidden in a paddock. (See Police Gazette, 1921, page 119.)

MISSING.

AUCKLAND.—Since the 3rd instant, Jack Rice, age about twenty-eight, height about 5 ft. 8 in., insurance agent, thin build, dark hair and complexion, brown eyes, broken nose, clean-shaved, long jaws; dressed in a dark-grey suit. Inquiry by Warwick Saddler, "Rangiora," 1 Burleigh Street, Mount Eden, with whom he had been boarding.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Circular No. 12/21.]

Prisoners in Lockup.—Regulation No. 376.

Unless there is good reason to the contrary, or the prisoner forbids it, a message should be sent to the residence of every person detained in a lockup, within a reasonable time after arrest, to notify the relatives or friends of the arrest and the charge. If the prisoner may be bailed out in accordance with regulations, precise information should at the same time be given respecting the conditions on which bail would be granted and the steps to be taken to effect it. In like manner, similar information should be conveyed to any friends nominated by the prisoner, though not residing with him.

When youths are arrested, especially on serious charges, their relatives should be informed, even if the prisoners object or do not desire the information to be given.

These instructions apply, of course, in respect of relatives and friends residing within a convenient distance. In other cases the information should be sent by telegraph, if it is expedient to send it at all.

A responsible officer at the station should in every case visit the prisoners in the cells, and ascertain what they wish in respect of communicating with friends. This is particularly necessary about 9 p.m. and 8.30 to 9 a.m.

Cancelled
10/6/21
J. O'DONOVAN, Commissioner of Police.
Wellington, 18th June, 1921. (P. 21/876.)

Public Trust Office Agency.

An Agency of the Public Trust Office has been opened at Cambridge. The list published in Police Gazette, 1921, page 325, is to be amended accordingly. (P. 21/430.)

Station opened.

WAIKIEKIE (Whangarei district). (P. 20/1839.)

Clerk and Bailiff appointed.

(See New Zealand Gazette, 1921, page 1545.)

Constable Henry Anderson has been appointed to be Clerk and Bailiff of the Magistrate's Court at Akaroa.