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POLICE



GAZETTE.

CONTAINING—The substance of Informations received in cases of Felony and Misdemeanours, and against Receivers of stolen goods, reputed Thieves and Offenders escaped from custody, with the time, place, and circumstances of the offence; the Names of persons known, but not in custody, who are charged with Offences, and descriptions of those who are not known, their appearance, dress, and other marks of identity; the names of Accomplices and Accessories, with every particular which may lead to their apprehension; a description, as accurate as possible, of property that has been stolen, and a minute description of stolen horses, &c., for the purpose of tracing and recovering them.

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1. POLICE GAZETTE.—Communications for this GAZETTE should be addressed to the "COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, Dunedin," prepaid; they must be of Police interest or no notice will be taken of them. Officers in charge of stations are requested to report to the Commissioner of Police every instance of the non-delivery of the GAZETTE, and to suggest from time to time such alterations in the addresses and in the mode of transmission as may be considered necessary.

2.—WARRANTS.—Whenever it is desired that any individual whose name is given, shall be apprehended, it should be stated in the advertisement for the GAZETTE whether or not a warrant has been issued for the apprehension of the offender. When a warrant has not been issued in the first instance, any subsequent report announcing the issue of a warrant should repeat the offender's description.

2. NAMES.—It is particularly requested that in all Informations the names of persons and places may be spelt correctly, and written legibly, the Christian name being given with the surname whenever possible, and written in full to prevent mistakes.

4. STRAY CATTLE.—No advertisements of lost horses or cattle will be published in this GAZETTE unless they be Government property, but notices of horses and cattle believed to be stolen will be inserted gratuitously.

5. PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—In forwarding the brands of stolen horses and cattle, it should be stated of what kind of letters the brands consist, whether of Roman capitals, or in writing, &c., and the exact position of the brands should be given, and be imitated as nearly as possible. In giving descriptions of watches, it should be stated whether they are open-faced, hunting, double case, or half hunting.—The term "double-cased" being reserved for those watches whose outer case is removed in order to wind; "half-hunting" implying a very small glass in the metal cover of the dial.

6. REWARDS.—No notice of reward offered by any private party or parties will, for the future, be inserted in the POLICE GAZETTE, unless there be forwarded to the Commissioner of Police the guarantee of some responsible person that the reward shall be payable according to law, on the arrest or conviction of the offender, and not merely for the recovery of property.

7. PREVIOUS POLICE GAZETTE REFERENCES.—It is requested that on the arrest of any offender gazetted, or on information being obtained for which a reward has been publicly offered or respecting notices published in this GAZETTE, officers in charge of Police, or others concerned, will be good enough to forward information thereof to this office, quoting the date and page of the GAZETTE in which such notice has appeared. The date and page should also accompany all applications forwarded from Ticket-of-Leave Holders.

## NOTICE.

All persons having claims against the Police Department, are requested to present them for payment without delay, and all members of the force are required to use every means in their power to facilitate the settlement of such accounts.

The Government does not hold itself responsible for private debts incurred by Members of the Police Force.

## HIGHWAY ROBBERY AND STEALING FROM THE PERSON.

Between 9.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. of the 18th inst., Charles Corstorphan, Matthew Robertson Miller, George Pearce senior, George Pearce jun., Thos. Pearce, John Lenison, Seymour Dupray, William Molony, William Holder, and six others, were stopped, as they arrived in succession at the foot of the Maungatua Range, near the West Tairi, by five men

wearing masks on their faces, and armed with revolvers, who robbed them of all they possessed. The first offender is 5 feet 10 inches high, rather stout, florid complexion, brown hair, whiskers and moustache clipped close, wore a black oilskin coat, rather old, mole-skin trousers with red clay marks, Wellington boots cut at the sides, 4th and 5th fingers to left hand short and stiff. 2nd, 5 feet 8 in. high, rather respectable appearance, had small, clean white hands, wore a new cabbage-tree hat and dark shooting coat—no other description can be given. 3rd, 5 feet 8 inches high, very thick set, round features, light red hair and whiskers, wore a black wide-a-wake hat, and red and black Crimean shirt, had a blue mark on back of left hand. The other men cannot be described.

#### PROPERTY STOLEN.

1 Silver hunting watch, by McCabe, London; 1 revolver, by Waterson; 1 gold Albert chain, fancy pattern; 1 ladies' gold ring with a white cornelian stone in the shape of a heart; 2 bills of exchange (seconds) on the Bank of Australia, drawn by Mathew R. Miller, in favor of Mrs. Mary McKnight, and Mr. R. Miller or order; 1 dark brown horse, branded FH on near shoulder, CR off shoulder, hair rubbed off tail; 1 new saddle by Vause, with German silver stirrups; 1 fancy made bridle, double stitched, having plated bit; £114 in sovereigns, £70 in notes, on bank of N.S.W., issued at Canterbury; £2 in silver; 1 steel Albert chain; 1 silver Geneva hunting watch, engine turned and chased in centre, No. not known; 1 green leather portemonnaie with brass clasps; 1 pilot cloth coat, much worn, outside pockets very shallow; 1 black and red Crimean shirt; 1 butcher's knife; 1 gold hunting watch, maker's name Donaldson, No. 2014, upper case indented.

The persons robbed were each taken to an enclosure in the bush, their hands and feet tied with cord, and guard kept over them until dark; one of the number then succeeded in releasing himself and released the others.

A reward of £25 will be paid on the arrest and conviction of the offenders; or £5 for any or each of them.

On Sunday, the 13th inst., at 12 noon, Donald McInnes, while prospecting in a gully near Messrs. Murray and Musgrove's station, was suddenly pounced upon by a man armed with a revolver, who robbed McInnes of £2 10s. in gold and silver coin; the offender is described as of middle height, clean-shaven, wearing a blue frock coat, dark trousers, and dark cap, with his face blackened; the offender is supposed to be identical with Thomas Hill, a ticket-of-leave holder illegally at large from Victoria.

#### BURGLARY AND STEALING FROM DWELLING HOUSES.

The shop of James Mills, Gunsmith, Stafford-street, Dunedin, was burglariously entered by some person or persons unknown, between the hours of 9 p.m. of the 5th inst., and 6 a.m. on the 7th inst., and the following property stolen therefrom, viz.:—1 double-barrelled rifle, by Needham, of Piccadilly, 713 on trigger guard, as also upon the inside of lock plates,

steel barrels; 2 crests on silver escutcheon, 1st. a Stag, 2nd. an Eagle rising; 1 single gun, by Bond, of London, with raised cheek piece on stock; 1 small gauge rifle, light make; 1 single barrel rifle; 1 heavy single rifle octagon bore, by Mills, of Dunedin, with light ash stock; 1 revolver by Dean and Adams, seven inch barrel, the pin on which the cylinder revolves being new; 1 double barrel gun, by Murdoch, of White Haven, the top tube for ramrod being wanting; 1 common revolver with ring trigger; 1 revolver without cylinder, bayonet at muzzle; 1 pepper box revolver out of repair; 1 revolver, by Springfield, no guard to trigger; 1 hunting knife by Dobson; 1 Chinese double sword with scabbard; 3 shot belts; also a quantity of nipples and caps; 1 single barrel gun by Forsyth.

Stolen about 10 p.m., on the 10th inst., from a bedroom in the Union Boarding House, in Stafford-street, Dunedin, £310, in sovereigns, tied in a white cambric handkerchief, the money was stolen from a chest of drawers, in Mrs. Crowhurst's bedroom; two men named Henry Jones and Martin Geeham, are in custody for the offence.

Stolen between the hours of 7 p.m. on the 13th, and 5 a.m. on the morning of the 14th inst., from a dwelling house in Stafford-street, Dunedin, the property of one Robert Banks, a quantity of wearing apparel, since recovered and identified; the offenders are in custody.

Stolen during the night of the 4th inst., from the parlour of the Union Hotel, Stafford-street, Dunedin, the property of one Henry Harris, a lodger, a silver hunting watch, capped and jewelled, maker's name Thompson, London, a gold Albert chain, of wire pattern, colonial gold, weight 1 oz., Troy, 1 gold foreign coin attached; supposed to be stolen by a man named Henry Lowden, of short stout build, aged about 28 years, 5 feet 6 inches high, dark complexion, scar across the bridge of the nose a recent cut; has the appearance of a fighting man; he left Dunedin on the 6th inst., but has been seen on the road returning.

Stolen on the 5th inst., from the Queen's Arms Hotel, Princes-street, Dunedin, between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m., the undermentioned articles, the property of Thomas McDonald and John Crawford—

- 1 Red blanket
  - 3 Pair of white blankets
  - 2 Hand saws
  - 1 American axe
  - 2 Pair of gents' side boots
  - 1 Pair of carpet slippers worn
  - Several pairs of woollen elastic pantaloons, and flannel shirts.
- All can be identified.

#### FELONIES AND OFFENCES NOT OTHERWISE DESCRIBED.

1st, Thomas McKay is charged, on warrant from Wellington, with unlawfully selling one Gun to an Aboriginal. He is 20 years of age; 5 ft. 5 in. high; brown hair; small whiskers, (light); sallow complexion; rather flash in his manner. Was formerly in the employ of Mr. Moorhouse, Auctioneer, Dunedin. Supposed to have returned to Wellington.

2nd. Frederick Lindsey Flint is charged, on warrant from Victoria, with having, on the 23rd day of September, 1861, at Richmond, in the colony of Victoria, unlawfully deserted his three children, Frederick, Emma, and Thomas Flint, leaving them without lawful means of support; is supposed to have come as Cuddy Steward on board the "Result," to Otago. He is 26 years of age; 5 ft. 7 in. high; thick set, and sailor-like build; well made; light hair; and of Jockey appearance; large reddish beard and moustache; the removal of the latter would display a deep cut on the side of upper lip.

W. G. Trask, is charged, on warrant now in the Commissioner's Office, Dunedin, with Forgery. The offender was a Butcher at Christchurch, Canterbury, and is at present supposed to be at Tuapuka. He is about 26 years of age; 5 ft. 6 in. in height; dark curly hair; fresh complexion; rather stout build.

Edward Parkinson is charged, on warrant from Victoria, with having deserted his illegitimate child. He is 5 ft. 9 or 10 in. high; fresh complexion; light brown hair; 24 years of age; full features; stout build; an Irishman; wore a slate-coloured freize coat, and blue cloth cap. Supposed to be at either of the Diggings.

Stolen on the night of the 18th October, from the paddocks of John Shannon, and Thomas Williams, Farmers, West Taieri—Two (2) Horses. 1st.: An iron grey mare; about 16 hands high; branded S near shoulder. 2nd.: A black gelding, about fifteen hands high; switch tail, and white hind feet.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

Return of appointments, &c., in the Police Force, since the 1st instant:—

Sub-Inspector Jackson Keddell, from Victorian Constabulary, to be Sub-Inspector, *vice* Junor, resigned.

1st Class Serjeant William Nixon Morton, to be Sub-Inspector.

Constable Mathew M. Cleary, to be Serjeant, 2nd Class.

Constable Michael O'Keefe, to be Serjeant, 2nd Class.

The Commissioner of Police desires it to be notified to Members of the Constabulary in this Province, that the Government propose to place a small sum of money on the Estimates, for the purpose of rewarding Non-Commissioned Officers and Constables, who may display gallantry in the arrest of notorious criminals; or by evincing extraordinary zeal in the performance of their general duties.

