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INCENDIARISM.

Maliciously Setting Fire to an unoccupied House and Furniture.

WHEREAS about 9 o'clock on the night of the 13th ultimo, the unoccupied wooden building known as the "Red Lion Hotel," situate at Frankton, the property of Patrick Mooney, value £325, was discovered on fire, by which the building was entirely destroyed.

And whereas at an inquest held on the 20th ult. to enquire as to the origin of the said fire, the jury returned the following verdict:—"That the house was maliciously set on fire by some person or persons unknown."

Notice is hereby given that a reward of £50 will be paid by the Provincial Government of Otago to any person who will first give such information as will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons by whom the said fire was caused, and His Excellency the Governor will be advised to grant a free pardon to an accomplice, not being the person who actually caused the fire, who will give such information as will lead to a like result.

T. K. WELDON,
Commissioner of Police.

Police Office, Dunedin,
1st March, 1875.

Felonies and other Offences.

A warrant has been issued by the Clyde Bench for the arrest of William Adams, charged with uttering a valueless cheque for £5 on the Bank of New Zealand, Cromwell, to Archibald Blue, at Clyde, on the 25th ultimo.

Offender is supposed to be English, about 65 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, slight build, grey eyes, brown hair, no whiskers or moustache, mark of a bullet wound on right arm near arm-pit, wore dirty moleskin trousers, brown or black sac coat, drab wide-a-wake hat, red and white muffler, black and white crimean shirt, and water-tight boots, supposed to be wearing a ring on the small finger of the left hand, has the appearance of an old criminal. He left Clyde on the morning of the 27th ultimo, and stated that he was going to Dunedin.

A warrant has been issued by the Port Chalmers Bench for the arrest of Samuel O'Flaherty, *alias* Careono, charged with deserting his wife and family at Dunedin, on the 22nd ult.

Offender is a native of London, Irish descent, a seaman, 30 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, medium build, very red thin features, cheeks and upper lip shaved, wears goatee and imperial, small red mark on one of eyes. He arrived by the ship

William Davie. It is believed he will endeavour to leave the colony.

A warrant has been issued by the Dunedin Bench for the arrest of William Meldrum, in default of paying £5, and 2s. 6d. costs, towards the support of his wife and child, in obedience to an order made by the Dunedin Bench on the 19th December, 1874.

Offender is a Scotchman, a labourer, about 32 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, stout build, fair complexion, was lately clean shaved, red whiskers, (if any) is fond of dancing in Highland costume at Scotch gatherings.

A warrant has been issued by the Dunedin Bench for the arrest of Fannie Ollivie, charged with obtaining on the 9th January last, by means of a forged order, drapery to the value of £2 19s. 6d., from Messrs. Herbert, Haynes and Co., Princes Street, Dunedin.

Offender is a native of Jersey, a domestic servant, 25 years of age, 5 feet 1 inch high, stout build, dark hair, very swarthy complexion, bad front teeth, has the appearance of a foreigner. She arrived in this Province in July last, by the ship Hindostan from London.

A man of the following description is charged with wilfully and obscenely exposing his person on the morning of the 8th inst., in Cumberland Street, Dunedin, to Annie Rotchford, aged 12 years.

Offender is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, medium build, black hair, light brown whiskers, red moustache, chin shaved, thin features, red sunburnt complexion, skin on face chipped,unken eyes, wore short black coat and vest, clean moleskin trousers, black cap with French peak, and elastic side boots. Identifiable.

Edward Bramley is charged with having committed a breach of "The Destitute Persons Relief Ordinance," at Wellington, on the 26th ultimo. He is a bricklayer, from 35 to 37 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, fair complexion, light hair, small sandy whiskers, cast in eyes, lisps. Bramley arrived in Wellington about four months ago, per ship "The Douglas," and left there on the 26th ultimo, by the steamer "Alhambra," and stated that he intended going to Dunedin. A warrant will issue for his arrest when his whereabouts is ascertained.

A boy of the following description is charged with assaulting and attempting to rob Walter Wardsworth, a milk-boy, aged 11 years, at Maori Hill, near Dunedin, on the 22nd ultimo.

Offender is about 16 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches high, dark brown hair, wore dirty moleskin trousers, old torn dark coat, and black cap. Identifiable.

A man of the following description is charged with having wilfully and obscenely exposed his person to Helen S. Wardroper, in Clyde Street, Dunedin, on the 19th ult.

Offender is about 35 or 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, medium build, dark complexion, wore old grey coat, dirty moleskin trousers, drab wide-a-wake hat, full beard, and whiskers worn all round, had the appearance of a low, dirty tramp. Identifiable.

A writ of arrest has been issued at Nelson against Jonothan Hadfield, charged with failing to attend at the last Sittings of the Supreme Court, held at Nelson, to give evidence in the case of "Regina v. Dougherty," charged with sheep-stealing.

Offender is an Englishman, a Station labourer, from 26 to 30 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches high, slight build, fair complexion, fair hair, rather small sandy whiskers, beard and moustache, much sun freckled, weak sleepy looking eyes, leans forward when walking, slovenly appearance, speaks slowly and precise, is fond of singing. A reward of £10 is offered for his arrest.

Stolen, between the 15th and 17th ultimo, from the Dunstan Hospital, Clyde, a pigskin saddle, colonial made, English knee pads, flaps stitched, three bar steel sturru iron, breast plate, double reined bridle, good steel snaffle bit, the property of Dr. C. J. Allan. Value, £10. Identifiable. James Buckley who is employed by Dr. Allan as groom, suspected.

Stolen, between 24th and 26th ultimo, at the Immigration Barracks, Caversham, a small white linen bag containing 10 sovereigns, and 21 shillings in silver, the property of Ellen O'Neill.

Stolen, about the 28th of December last, from the dwelling of Marion Cane, Princes-street, Dunedin, about nine yards of very bright puce coloured French merino, a square piece cut out of centre. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to a Mrs Coyle *alias* Margaret Watson, and a Mrs. Thornhill. Coyle, *alias* Watson, is Scotch, short and stout, black curly hair, one of her eyes tender. Thornhill is English, 5 feet 3 inches high, smart appearance.

Stolen, between the 19th and 21st ultimo, from the dwelling of Marion Cane, Princes-street, Dunedin, a pair of bog oak bracelets, Shamrock pattern. Value, 30s. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to Mrs. Coyle *alias* Margaret Watson, and Mrs Thornhill, above described.

Stolen, about the 23rd December last, from the dwelling of Joseph Reany, High-street, Dunedin, a lady's narrow gold ring, set with two rubies and two diamonds, one of the rubies was loose. Value £4. Identifiable.

Stolen, about the 20th ultimo, from the Harp of Erin, Boarding House, Hope-street, Dunedin, a scarf, 3 boxes of paper collars, 5 neckties, 3 cotton shirts, 3 pair of linen pants, 4 pairs of cotton stockings, a hat, a pair of gloves, a meerscham pipe and a pocket book, the property of Antonie Frutz. Value £4 10. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to John Stevens, a ship's cook, 25 years of age, 5 feet, 4 inches high, medium build, fair hair, very little if any whiskers, marks of burns on face, mouth and ears very much contracted, he was recently discharged from the ship Alexandra. Should this suspect be arrested he will be charged with having committed several other larcenies.

Stolen, between the 14th and 18th ultimo, from the dwelling of Marion Cane, Princes-street, Dunedin a scarf shawl, black merino centre, and palsey border, about 12 to 15 inches deep, nearly new, the property of Catherine Downie. Value 36s. Identifiable. A Mrs. Coyle *alias* Margaret Watson, and a Mrs. Thornhill, suspected.

Stolen, about the 7th ultimo, from a shed, in a right-of-way off Walker-street, Dunedin a brown twilled alpaca umbrella, very little worn, the property of William Mahon. Value 7s. 6d. Identifiable.

Stolen, about the 13th ultimo, from the garden of

Benjamin Dawson, at the Forbury near Dunedin, a Madam Eshall rose tree, about 24 inches high, one flower in bloom, and two buds thereon, a Paul Nero rose tree with four buds. Value 8s. Identifiable. Mr. Dawson offers £2 reward for the arrest and conviction of the offender.

Stolen, on the 2nd ultimo, from Spring's Hotel, Southbridge, Canterbury, a silver hunting lever watch, No. 12967, maker Coates and Co., Christchurch, a silver open-faced verge watch, double case, No. 90123, maker's name unknown, and £1 4s 6d. Suspicion attached to John F. Cobb, an Englishman, a tailor, 31 years of age, 5 feet 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches high, stout make, fresh complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, cut scar on left leg. He is supposed to have come to Dunedin.

Stolen, on the 18th ultimo, at Dunedin, from the person of William Morgan, thirteen £1 notes and a 5s piece—5s piece identifiable. Suspicion attached to a woman of the following description, believed to be a prostitute:—About 5 feet high, dark complexion, wore light dark-spotted dress, black jacket, and black hat.

Stolen, between the 10th January last and 12th ultimo, from the mining claim of James Ritchie and Patrick Reardon, Waipori Flat, 5 worn picks with handles, a sluice fork (nearly new), an old wheelbarrow (one of sides broken), a tin dish, a sluice box with false bottoms, one of corners broken. Value, £8. Sluice box identifiable.

Stolen, on the 22nd ultimo, from on board the cutter "Jane Campbell," at Stuart street Jetty, Dunedin, an old open-faced silver geneva watch, out of repair, the chain of works and minute hand broken, had the ticket of a watchmaker at Grahams-town on inside case, the property of Archibald Campbell. Value, £2 10s. Identifiable.

Stolen, on the 22nd ultimo, from the person of Denis Lynch, in the house of John Greenford, Cambridge Place, off George street, Dunedin, a yellow pocket book, containing a £20 note, a £10 note, and six £1 notes. Pocket book only identifiable. Suspicion attached to John Greenford and his wife, William Every, George Fullen, and Thomas Cunningham, all members of the criminal class, who were in company with Lynch when the money was stolen.

Stolen, on the 25th ultimo, from the person of John Wilson, in the Bristol House, Cumberland street, Dunedin, three £5 notes and four £1 notes. Suspicion attached to Jane McLeod, a prostitute, at present residing in Dunedin.

Stolen, about the 17th ultimo, from the dwelling of Samuel Millington, Maclaggan street, Dunedin, a silver lever hunting watch, since recovered. Value, £5 10s. The watch was pledged on the 17th ultimo, at Solomon's Pawn Office, George street, Dunedin, by a woman who gave the name Mrs Thompson, and stated that she resided in Dowling street, Dunedin. She is described as being about 30 or 40 years of age, short and stout.

Supposed stolen, about the 7th ultimo, from Waikaia Flat, near Switzers, a red steer, white streak along back, 3 years old, unbranded, the property of Isabella Patterson. Value £8. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to Walter McIvor,

Scotch, a farmer, residing at Waikaia Flat, 41 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, fresh complexion, fair hair, blue eyes.

Stolen, on the 17th ultimo, from the dwelling of Thomas Hardy, at Moeraki, an old fashioned work box, believed to be mahogany, 9 by 4 by 6 inches, mother of pearl shells set into the wood at each corner and in centre of lid, containing two £10 notes, and seven £1 notes. Suspicion attached to George Taylor, who was seen lurking in the vicinity of the house on the day the theft was committed. An Englishman, a laborer, about 45 years of age, six feet high, slender build, long features, very dark hair turning grey, thin grey whiskers, shaves the upper lip, stoops a little when walking, usually wears cap with peak, and old dirty looking clothes.

Stolen, on the 14th ultimo, from the dwelling of Robert Stephenson, Half-way Bush, near Dunedin, a new unbleached cotton sock, containing six half-sovereigns, and 3s. 6d. in silver. Sock only identifiable. Suspicion attached to Charles Henry Clark, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, fair hair, blue eyes, a little hair on upper lip and chin, slight scar on cheek, wore dark coat and trousers, check shirt, high-crowned black felt hat, and heavy-nailed boots.

Stolen or strayed, about the 7th ultimo, from a paddock in Cumberland Street, Dunedin, a dark bay pony gelding, 5 years old, 14 hands high, marks of kicking on the fetlock joints of hind legs, brushes with fore feet, had a cover on, the property of Henry Hawker. Value, £30. Identifiable.

Stolen, about the 9th ultimo, from a new building at Kensington, near Dunedin, 71 yards of papering canvas, the property of Walter Shee. Value £2 4s. 6d.

Stolen, about the 19th ultimo, from the garden of Charles Nichols, London Street, Dunedin, 12 annual French peony pyramid flowers. Value, 22s.

Stolen, about the 20th ultimo, from the fowl-house of David Hay, George Street, Dunedin, five old white, and two young grey ducks, about six weeks old. Value, 24s.

About the 4th ultimo, a horse, the property of Messrs. Williams and Archer, was maliciously stabbed above the near knee, supposed with a five-pronged fork, at Bob's Creek, Lake Wakatipu.

Between 6 p.m. on the 9th, and 8.30 a.m. on the 10th ultimo, the store of Thomas Allan, Princes Street, Dunedin, was broken into, and 10s. 6d. in silver stolen therefrom.

Stolen, between 1.30 p.m., on the 13th, and 2 p.m., on the 14th ultimo, from the dwelling of John Murdoch, Melville Street, Dunedin, three half-sovereigns, 17s. in silver, a pair of gold ear-rings, gold fringe, and small red stone set in centre. Value, 30s. Ear-rings identifiable. Suspicion attached to George Murdoch, a native of Victoria, a labourer, 24 years of age, 6 feet high, sallow complexion, brown hair, grey eyes.—*Vide Police Gazette*, 1871, page 39.

Stolen, about the 14th ultimo, from the dwelling of Henry Birch, Moray Place, Dunedin, a £1 note.

Stolen, between the 18th and 20th ultimo, from the box of Sarah Kearney, on board the steamer "Bruce," between Akaroa and Dunedin, a dark alpaca dress, a brown print dress, very small spots, a white print dress, black figured stripes, trimmed with broad white tape, 3 prayer books and 1 hymn book, with Sarah Kearney's name written therein, a jet chain with jet cross attached, a work-box, containing a gold pencil case, a plain gold brooch, 2 night dresses, and 3 chemises, with frilling at neck. Value, £5 3s. Identifiable.

Stolen, about the 31st of December last, from Caversham, a well-bred dark brown mare, 13 hands high, 4 years old, white star on forehead, branded like C, nearly indistinct, on near shoulder. the property of J. Langseine. Value, £12. Identifiable.

Stolen, about the 24th ultimo, from the clothes line of William Anderson, Market Street, Dunedin, 2 white flannel shirts, one a very large size. Value, 12s. Identifiable.

Stolen, between the 1st January and 10th ultimo, from the Cromwell Quartz Reef Battery, at Bendigo, from 800 to 1000 ounces of amalgam, supposed to contain from 230 to 290 ounces of unretorted gold, the property of the Cromwell Quartz Reef Company. Suspicion attached to Joseph Aspin, and a man known as "Simon," who are employed working at the Reef. Aspin is an Englishman, a miner, 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, stout build, sallow complexion, pock pitted, dark hair, dark rough whiskers and moustache. He lately arrived from Clunes, Victoria. Simon is an Englishman, a miner, about 45 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high, slight build, light complexion, light hair, whiskers and moustache.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock on the morning of the 8th instant, a stone was thrown through the shop window of John Brown, Walker Street, Dunedin, damaging it to the value of 13s. Suspicion attached to a man named M'Guire, an Irishman, a tailor, about 50 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, slender build, hair and whiskers turning grey. Mr. Brown offers £10 reward on conviction of the offender.

Stolen, on the 1st instant, from the vest pocket of Patrick Ford, at Groper's Bush, Southland District, a brown leather pocket-book, containing a £5 note, on the National Bank of New Zealand, Riverton. Pocket-book identifiable. Suspicion attached to Ann Murphy, Irish, 30 years of age, 5 feet high, fresh complexion, fair hair, wore brown merino dress, and black and white plaid shawl.

Supposed stolen in June, 1874, from Gore Bush Southland District, an old light red coloured working bullock, branded C 2 on near horn, horns very wide apart, the property of John Murdoch. Value £12. Identifiable.

Stolen, about the 18th ultimo, from the garden of Charles Nichols, London-street, Dunedin, 12 Verbena plants. Value 20s.

Stolen, about the 22nd ultimo from the dwelling of Thomas McTaggart, Chain Hills, near Dunedin, an open face silver geneva watch No. 23627, white dial, gold hands, glass broken. Value £2. Identifiable.

On the 31st of January last, a cow, the property

of Sophia Kidd, was maliciously fired at and wounded with shot, at Winton Bush, Suspicion attached to William May, a native of Sydney, 38 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, medium build, dark hair whiskers and moustache.

Stolen on the 8th and 12th ultimo, from the High-cliff Hotel, Anderson's Bay, £40 in gold and notes, 2 night dresses, 2 chemises, a pair of women's drawers and a pair of gold earrings, the property of Henry Fairbank. All identifiable except the money.

Stolen, about the 2nd instant, from the garden of Charles Nichols, London-street, Dunedin, 12 geranium plants, variegated leaves, 2 in pots. Value £2.

Stolen between the 7th and 21st ultimo, from the dwelling of Mrs. Andrews, Glen road, near Dunedin, a gold and blue enamelled brooch, French design, 2 white calico sheets marked "Digby," a calico chemise, several linen aprons, 2 dessert spoons, a tea spoon, and a large fork. Identifiable. Other articles which were stolen from Mrs Andrews about the same time were found in possession of Elizabeth Whitten, who has been arrested.

Stolen, about the 4th instant, from the yard of William Carveth, London-street, Dunedin, a myrtle shrub, a small branch broken off in the centre, an Eliotrope plant, and three Tom Thumb geraniums. Value 20s. Shrub identifiable.

Stolen on the 1st instant from the dwelling of Eliza Dean, at Port Chalmers, a one pound note, and three sovereigns. Two men of the following description suspected. 1st. A Swede or German, a sailor, arrived by the ship "Christian McAusland," about 24 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, thin build, light hair, a little light hair on chin and upper lip, wore light tweed trousers, drak or blue sac coat, and broad brimmed light colored soft hat. 2nd. A Swede or German, about 24 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, dark hair, dark moustache, has a brown spot on the white of one of his eyes, wore dark clothes, Scotch cap with cloth peak, and tassel in crown.

Stolen, about the 19th ultimo, from the coal yard of Messrs Martin and Watson, King-street, Dunedin, 16 new coal bags. Value 16s.

Stolen on the 6th instant, from the White Hart Hotel, Oamaru, a swag tied with rope, consisting of a double white blanket, a blue blanket with red stripes, a pair moleskin trousers, two pairs grey woollen socks, and two cotton shirts, the property of Robert Wallace. Value, £3. Identifiable.

Lost or stolen, on the 1st instant, from the person of Lawrence Lannie, at Winton, a black leather pocket-book, about four inches long, somewhat worn, yellow elastic band, containing a £10 note and a deposit receipt for £30 on the Union Bank of Australia, Invercargill. Pocket-book and deposit receipt identifiable.

Stolen on the 6th instant, at Waikouaiti, from the person of William Redfearn, a black leather pocket and memo. book with five compartments, containing a £5 note, a fourpenny-piece, three-threepenny-pieces, and one penny. Pocket-book only identifiable. Suspicion attached to George Buchanan, Scotch, a laborer, 33 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, dark hair beard, whiskers, and moustache, sal-

low complexion, wore dark alpaca coat, dark tweed trousers and vest, and black felt hat. *Vide Police Gazette, 1875, page 10.*

Stolen on the 8th instant, in Princes street, Dunedin, from Richard Round, a carpet bag, nearly new, with new brass padlock, containing a flannel singlet, a dark tweed vest, a light striped crimean shirt, all new, a curtain ring, a pair of worn elastic side boots, a wooden pipe with white metal cover and chain; a leather purse with clasp, containing a receipt for a registered letter, addressed to Esther Round, Hobart Town, 13s. in silver, and one penny. All identifiable except the money. A man of the following description was seen taking the bag from Round, who was drunk at the time:—About 25 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, stout build, fair hair and complexion, sandy beard, whiskers, and moustache, wore blue monkey jacket, striped trousers, and woollen cap with peak.

Supposed stolen about the 8th instant, from Caversham, a chestnut horse, about 14 hands high, branded JD on near shoulder, white streak down face, long switch tail, shod all round, the property of David Kirkness. Value, £8. Identifiable.

Stolen on the 5th instant, from the hotel of Archibald Blue, at Clyde, a £5 note on the Bank of New South Wales, and four £1 notes. Suspicion attached to Ann Blacklam, who at present resides at Clyde.

Inquests.

An inquest was held on the 5th ultimo, at the residence of William Waugh, Moa Flat, by John Beighton, Esquire, J. P. and acting Coroner, on the body of Jose De Silve, a labourer, aged 35 years, who was found dead in his bed there on the previous morning. Verdict: Died from disease of the heart.

An inquest was held on the 9th ultimo, at the Rising Sun Hotel, Walker-street, Dunedin, by T. M. Hocken, Esquire, Coroner, on the body of a female child, aged 6 days, daughter of Mary M'Loughlan, who died in her mother's residence off Walker-street, Dunedin, on the day previous, from the effects of injuries inflicted on her head. Verdict: The child was in a weak and delicate state when born, and died from injuries received on the head, but how or by what means such injuries were received there is no evidence to shew.

An inquest was held on the 11th ultimo, at the Awamoka Hotel, Awamoka, by T. W. Parker, Esquire, R. M. and Coroner, on the body of Thomas Howard, a carpenter, aged 30 years, who was found dead at Black Point, Awamoka, on the day previous, and who, it is supposed, died there about the 1st ultimo. Verdict: Found dead.

An inquest was held on the 11th ultimo, at the Rose, Thistle, and Shamrock Hotel, Green Island, by T. M. Hocken, Esquire, Coroner, on the body of Patrick Dempsey, a miner, aged 26 years, who was killed on the day previous, by a quantity of earth falling upon him while at work in the railway tunnel at Chain Hills. Verdict: Accidentally killed.

An inquest was held on the 11th ultimo, at the Rose, Thistle, and Shamrock Hotel, Green Island, by T. M. Hocken, Esquire, Coroner, on the body of

Thomas Kerr, a foreman miner, aged 37 years, who was killed by a quantity of earth falling upon him while at work in the railway tunnel at Chain Hills, on the day previous. Verdict: Accidentally killed.

An inquest was held on the 20th ultimo, at the Hospital, Dunedin, by Isaac N. Watt, Esquire, R. M. and acting Coroner, on the body of Lilly Millar, a prostitute, aged 25 years, who was found dead in her residence off Walker-street, Dunedin, on the day previous. Verdict: Died from disease of the heart accelerated by intemperance.

An inquest was held on the 22nd ultimo, at the Court House, Blacks, by W. L. Simpson, Esquire, R. M. and Coroner, on the body of a male child, aged 10 days, son of Samuel Leask, who died at his parents' residence at Blacks, on the day previous. Verdict: Died from natural causes.

An inquest was held on the 23rd ultimo, at the Court House, Tokomairiro, by E. H. Carew, Esquire, R. M. and Coroner, on the body of a newly born female child, whose body, with the throat cut, was found concealed in a bundle of clothes under the mattress of the bed occupied by Margaret Collins, in the Exchange Hotel, Milton, on the 20th ultimo. Verdict: Murder, against Margaret Collins, the mother of the child, who has been arrested and committed for trial.

An inquest was held on the 29th ultimo, at Blackstone Hill, by W. H. Robinson, Esquire, R. M. and Coroner, on the body of Thomas Turnbull, a labourer, aged 40 years, who died there suddenly on the day previous. Verdict: Died from disease of the heart.

An inquest was held on the 4th instant, at the Hospital, Dunedin, by I. N. Watt, Esquire, R.M. and Acting-Coroner, on the body of Alice Hawley, a prostitute, aged 34 years, who was found dead in a hut in a right-of-way off Walker street, Dunedin, on the previous day. Verdict: Died from apoplexy, caused by intemperance.

An inquest was held on the 5th instant, at the Clarendon Hotel, Invercargill, by Thomas Perkins, Esquire, J.P. and Acting-Coroner, on the body of William Smith, a carpenter, aged 51 years, who died at his residence, Esk street, Invercargill, on the 3rd instant. Verdict: Died from continued excessive drinking of spirituous liquors.

An inquest was held on the 3rd instant, at the Court House, Blacks, by W. L. Simpson, Esquire, R.M. and Coroner, on the body of James Clouston, a laborer, aged 19 years, who was killed at Blacks on the 1st instant, by falling from a dray which he was driving. Verdict: Accidentally killed by a fall from a dray.

Missing Friends.

Information is requested respecting the whereabouts of John Quin, the principal witness and informant in the case of Regina v. Harry Pearce, committed for trial for stealing from the person at Dunedin. Quin is a native of Cork, Ireland, a laborer and shearer, 36 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, sandy hair, sandy whiskers, beard and moustache worn rather short, thin features, florid complexion, light blue eyes, large front teeth, described in the *Otago Police Gazette, 1871, page 71, as John Roland,*

alias Quin, *alias* Kelly. He was employed at Merrie Creek Station, Balclutha division, for about three months, previous to the 30th November last. He left the Station after the shearing, and was heard of at Clinton on the 1st of December. It is requested that every possible exertion may be used to find out this witness, so that steps may be taken to compel him to attend the criminal sittings of the Supreme Court, to be held at Dunedin on the 12th proximo.

Information is requested respecting Charles Turner Powell, a clerk, a native of London, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, stout build, dark complexion, hair slightly changing color. He arrived in this Province by the ship "Carnatic," early in 1874, and acted at sub-steward or under store-keeper during the passage out, and was discharged from the vessel at Port Chalmers on the 24th of April last. He plays the piano and harmonium, and will likely seek employment in a music hall, or as a teacher of music. It is important to ascertain this man's whereabouts, if living, without it coming to his knowledge that he is being enquired for, or, if dead, the particulars of his death.

Information is requested respecting John Pell, a blacksmith, a native of Birmingham, 6 feet high, about 19 years of age, slender build. He arrived in this Colony by the steamer Atrato, from London, in June last, and has not since been heard of.

Property Lost, &c.

Lost on the 2nd instant, by Mrs. Albert Hamilton, between Hanover street and Anderson's Bay toll-gate, Dunedin, a brown leather purse containing a £5 note, a £1 note, a sovereign, 5 or 6 shillings in silver, and a piece of a paper with the name Mr. Leckie written thereon.

Lost on the 25th ultimo, by John Travers, in Princes street, Dunedin, a New Zealand war medal, No. 3232, the name "John Griffen" on edge.

Lost on the 20th ultimo, by William John Cole, in George street, Dunedin, a £5 note and two £1 notes on the Bank of New Zealand.

Lost on the 19th ultimo, by James Palmer, in Princes street, Dunedin, a cheque for £51 on the Bank of New Zealand, Dunedin, drawn by John Graymeith in favor of Messrs. Davidson and Conyers.

Lost on the 12th ultimo, near the Cricket Ground, South Dunedin, by Charles Ullmeram, a red pocket book, containing five sovereigns and 38s. 6d. in silver.

Found in George street, Dunedin, on the 12th ultimo, by Henry Walter Le Burn, a small gold locket, glass broken, containing a little very fair hair.

Miscellaneous Information.

Return of appointments, &c., since the publication of last list:—

Appointments as Constables.

William M'Leod	No. 719
Patrick Carmody	No. 720

Resigned.

Constable Richard Gethin Creagh, No. 586

Discharged.

Constable Henry William Smith, No. 656.

(*Vide Police Gazette 1875, page 12.*)

The articles reported as stolen from the dwelling of Charles Skinner, at Caversham, have been returned to the owner by the suspect, Walter James *alias* Shee, who has been arrested, cautioned and discharged.

(*Vide Police Gazette, 1875, page 4.*)

The chestnut gelding reported as stolen from Lauder Creek Station, Mount Ida District, has been found on Mr Thornhill's Station, Southland district.

John Henry Hall, charged on warrant with obtaining goods by false pretences from Thomas Acton at Nokomai, on the 6th August last, has been arrested by Constable Henderson, Dunedin police, and remanded to Invercargill.

(*Vide Police Gazette, 1874, page 99.*)

William Mansen charged on warrant with having assaulted Mary Ann Gontier, at Hogburn Creek, Naseby, on the 23rd November last, has been arrested by Constable Carroll, Hampden Police, and remanded to Naseby.

(*Vide Police Gazette 1875, page 11.*)

The silver watch reported as stolen on the 4th ultimo, from the person of Thomas Cassley, in the Railway Hotel, at Tokomairiro, has been found by Sergeant Smyth, Tokomairiro police, in possession of John Droughan, who has been committed for trial for stealing the same.

(*Vide Canterbury Police Gazette 1874, pages 136 and 144; and Otago Police Gazette 1874, page 93.*)

Alexander Fraser charged on warrant with horse-stealing, has been arrested by the Canterbury police.

The silver watch reported as stolen on the 26th ultimo, at Bluff Plain, Oamaru district, the property of Thomas Daly, has been found by Constable Carroll, Hampden police, in possession of the suspect, Robert Parker, who has been arrested and committed for trial for stealing the same.

Extract from Queensland Police Gazette.

From *Police Gazette, 6th January, 1875.*

Murder.

Henry Fieldhouse and Joseph Sinclair are charged on warrant issued by the Maytown Bench with the murder of Joel Swan, at the Limestone Creek, Mitchell Falls, Palmer River, on the night of the 7th November 1874. The first is described as the proprietor of Tattersall's Hotel, Newcastle, N.S.W., about 48 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, stout build, grey hair and whiskers, slightly lame, wore grey tweed trousers patched on the knee, and crimean shirt. The second is 35 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, lanky build, large mouth, and large inflamed eyes, wore black cloth trousers and crimean shirt. They had with them a black horse, branded JP conjoined on off shoulder. Gone in the direction of Palmerville and Cookstown, and supposed to be returning to Newcastle, New South Wales.

14th December, 1874.

Apprehensions.

NAME.	OFFENCE.	BY WHOM ARRESTED.	R. N.	HOW DISPOSED OF.
George Maddison	Indecent exposure	Sergt-major Jno. Bevan, Dunedin Police	430	12 months' labor
Alice McNamara	Violent assault	Sergt. Patrick O'Neill, do	374	3 months' labor
Same	Vagrancy	Do do	"	3 months' labor
Walter Clarke	Damaging property	Sergt. James Anderson, do	523	30 days' labor
Same	Vagrancy	Do do	"	3 months' labor
James Mahon	Habitual drunkenness	Do do	"	Discharged
Emma Lane	Larceny	Fst-class Detec. W. E. Shury, do	—	6 months' labor
John Miller	Manslaughter	Con. Alexander Henderson, do	617	Committed for trial
John Henry Hall	Obtaining money by false pretences	Do do	"	Committed for trial
George Johnston	Rape	Con. Robert Bain, do	705	Committed for trial
Hector Steptimus M'Queen	Vagrancy	Do do	"	10 days' labor
Ellen Sullivan	Vagrancy	Con. Paul Shirley, do	608	Discharged
John Murphy	Larceny	Con. Richard Moore, do	677	4 months' labor
Jane Kelysham	Larceny from a shop	Do do	"	6 months' labor
Same	Vagrancy	Do do	"	Discharged
Jane Beckett	Indecent exposure	Con. William M'Leod, do	719	Discharged
Thomas Hill	Vagrancy	Con. Robert T. N. Beasley, do	718	6 days' labor
Elizabeth Atwell	Soliciting prostitution	Do do	"	Fined 40s. or 1 month's labor
Hannah Scott	Larceny	Con. George Dick, do	709	Discharged
Frederick Harris	Vagrancy	Sergt. William Hanlon, do	216	3 months' labor
Jane Kelysham	Larceny	Con. Thomas Emerson, do	672	Discharged
Walter Shea	Larceny	Con. William Rooney, do	565	Discharged
Jane Williams	Larceny	Do do	"	Discharged
John Haggerty	Assaulting police	Con. Henry Vernon, Green Island Police	606	Committed for trial
Patrick Humphries	Forgery	Tokomairi Police	—	Discharged
Samuel Carey	Harboring ship deserters	Sergt. Thomas Neil, Pt. Chalmers Police	229	Fined £10 and costs
Charles Mann	Embezzling ship's stores	Con. Thomas Carter, do	615	Ordered to pay 15s. damage
Mary Ann Watson	Receiving stolen property	Do do	"	Discharged
Richard Bartlett	Larceny on board ship	Do do	"	4 week's labor
Henry Gaeree	Illegally on board ship	Do do	615	Discharged
William O'Sullivan	Habitual drunkenness	Con. James Murdoch, Oamaru Police	693	2 months' labor
John Foley, <i>alias</i> M'Grath	Stealing from the person	Do do	"	3 months' labor
Charles Coleman, <i>alias</i> Alfred Holliday	Obtaining goods by false pretences	Con. Henry Green, do	698	6 months' labor
Thomas Gibson	Stealing from a shop	Do do	"	Committed for trial
Benjamin Livsey	Stealing fruit	Con. John Henderson, do	642	4 days' labor
Joseph Ferguson	Larceny	Do do	"	2 months' labor
William Harry M'Gregor	Stealing from a dwelling	Con. Hector M'Lean Steele, Invercargill	652	Committed for trial
John J. Bennett	Assaulting a bailiff	Bailiff to Res. Magist. Ct., do	—	1 month's labor
Albert Stephens	Stealing from a dwelling	Con. Michael Sullivan, Campbelltown	302	14 days' labor
Mary Sullivan	Stealing from a till	Sergt. James J. Tuohy, Riverton Police	—	3 months' labor
John Thompson	Indecent exposure	Do do	—	Cautioned and discharged
John Ryan, <i>alias</i> Taranaki Jack	Vagrancy	Con. Patrick Barry, Mataura Police	550	Cautioned and discharged
John Connor	Assault with intent to commit a rape	Sergt. George B. Purdue, Invercargill	350	Committed for trial
John Ryan	Assault	Do do	"	14 days' labor
Bridget Ryan	Threatening language	Do do	"	14 days' labor
Timothy Murray	Assault	Con. Patrick M'Grath do	680	1 month's labor
Ann Buckley	Larceny	Sergt. James J. Tuohy, Riverton Police	—	14 days' labor
James Williamson	Larceny	Do do	—	On remand
Archibald Wilson	Receiving stolen property	Do do	—	On remand
Charles Fraser	Uttering a valueless cheque	Con. Patrick Barry, Mataura Police	550	Cautioned and discharged
James Whelan	Obtaining money by false pretences	Con. Michael Sullivan, Campbelltown	302	Discharged
Antonio Gessoph	Larceny (2 charges)	Do do	"	6 months' labor
Hector Morrison	Assaulting police	Con. A. V. Hiscox, Winton Police	614	14 days' labor
Peter J. M'Gregor	Embezzlement	Con. Thomas Carter, Pt. Chalmers do	615	Committed for trial
Thomas Goodall	Threatening to commit suicide	Con. Donald Boyd, Switzers Police	518	Cautioned and discharged
Susannah Lloyd	Larceny	Do do	"	Cautioned and discharged
Ah Cheong	Vagrancy	Con. Henry W. Smith, Naseby Police	656	Discharged
Ah Sing	Vagrancy	Do do	"	Discharged
John Clyde	Murder	Con. John Morton, St. Bathans Police	496	Discharged
John Brady, <i>alias</i> Bary	Habitual drunkenness	Con. John Lipscombe, Queenstown do	662	2 months' labor

And 139 for drunkenness, 7 for assaults, 8 for breaches of the peace, 9 for being neglected and criminal children, 1 for wife desertion, 6 for damaging property, 2 for contempt of Court, 5 for disorderly conduct, 11 for obscene language, 1 for assaulting police, 10 for lunacy, 1 for damaging police uniform, 13 for ship desertion, 20 for breaches of the Shipping Act, 1 for rescuing prisoners, 3 for breaches of the Passengers Act, 3 for resisting and obstructing the police, 1 for hawking without a license, and 1 for furious riding.

District Court Criminal Sittings.

LIST OF PERSONS TRIED AT THE DISTRICT COURT, INVERCARGILL,

FEBRUARY SITTINGS, 1875.

NAME.	OFFENCE.	DECISION.	BY WHOM ARRESTED.	R. N.	DISTRICT.
Wm Harry M'Gregor	Obtaining money, &c by false pretences	6 months' labor	Constable Hector M'Lean Steele	652	Southland

Return of Prisoners discharged from H.M. Gaols Dunedin, Clyde, Queenstown, Oamaru, Invercargill, and Lawrence during the Month of March, 1875.

Name.	When tried.	Where tried.	Offence.	Sentence.	Native of	Trade.	Born	Height	Compl.	Eyes.	Hair.	Remarks.	P. G. References.
Robert Hercus	1875	Dunedin	Assaulting constable	5 weeks	Scotland	Laborer	1840	5 ft	Fresh	Grey	Dk brown		
Robert Wilson	Jan 2	do	Drunkennes and vagrancy	3 days	Scotland	Carpenter	1829	5 7½	Pale	Grey	Grey		
James Cunnoek	Jan 18	do	Soliciting alms	30 days	England	Currier	1822	5 6	Sallow	Hazel	Black		
James Keys	Jan 21	Palmerston	Breach of the peace	1 month	Victoria	Laborer	1856	5 7	Fresh	Hazel	Black		
Mary Ann Mitten	1874	Hampden	Stealing from the person	2 months	England	Married	1835	4 6	Fresh	Grey	Black		1874, page 24
Johan Smith	Dec 23	Pt Chalmers	Larceny	4 weeks	Norway	Seaman	1844	5 10½	Fresh	Grey	Light		
James Dunbar	1875	Oamaru	Assault	3 months	Ireland	Shoemaker	1850	4 11	Fresh	Hazel	Black		1874, page 105
Catherine Loney	Nov 20	Dunedin	Drunkennes and larceny	14 dys	Ireland	Spinster	1839	5 4	Fresh	Grey	Brown		
David Tupper	Nov 9	do	Drunkennes	14 days	England	Upholsterer	1824	5 6	Fresh	Grey	Black		1874, page 56
John M'Phee	Feb 9	Naseby	Larceny	2 months	Ireland	Stonemason	1839	5 7	Fresh	Grey	Dark		1870, page 36
James Mahon	Dec 28	Dunedin	Drunkennes	14 days	Scotland	Baker	1821	5 8	Sallow	Grey	Grey		
Christian Tonson	Feb 9	do	Drunkennes	14 days	Norway	Laborer	1843	5 2	Fresh	Hazel	Light		1875, page 8
John Harrington	Feb 15	Tokomairiro	Stealing money	1 month	England	Groom	1854	5 3	Fresh	Grey	Dk brown		1874, page 96
John Cooney	Feb 2	Dunedin	Larceny	3 months	Ireland	Laborer	1858	5 4½	Sallow	Hazel	Dk brown		
James Stevens	Dec 3	do	Larceny	3 months	England	Seaman	1855	5 4	Fresh	Hazel	Black		
Hugh Harper	Dec 7	Pt Chalmers	Larceny	3 months	Scotland	Engine driver	1824	5 1½	Fresh	Grey	Grey		
Hector M'Queen	1875	Dunedin	Vagrancy	10 days	Scotland	Chemist	1852	5 7	Fresh	Grey	Light		
Jacob Thomalen	Feb 26	Clyde	Disorderly conduct	7 days	Germany	Barber	1831	5 5	Sallow	Brown	Brown		
John Brady, alias Bray	Feb 6	Queenstown	Drunkennes	14 days	Ireland	Groom	1819	5 6	Fresh	Blue	Grey	Right wrist has been broken	1874, page 98

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Name.	When tried.	Where tried.	Offence.	Sentence.	Native of	Trade.	Born	Height	Compl.	Eyes.	Hair.	Remarks.	P. & References.
William O'Sullivan	Jan 25	Oamaru	Drunkennes	7 days	Ireland	Baker	1850	ft in	Sallow	Brown	Black	Pockpitted	
Garret Gough	Feb 1	do	Drunkennes	14 days	Ireland	Laborer	1824	5 3	Swarthy	Grey	Black	Deaf	
Benjamin Livsey	Feb 19	do	Stealing fruit	4 days	England	Fireman	1834	5 8	Fresh	Grey	Lt brown		
John Clark, alias Kean	1874	Campbell'tn	Larceny	1 month's labor	England	Laborer	1853	5 9	Fresh	Dk brn	Dk brown	Cut on left hand	
Rodger Hart	Dec 4	Invercargill	Assault	1 month's labor	Ireland	Maltster	1849	5 5	Fresh	Grey	Dk brown		
James Cairts	Jan 2	do	Obstructing police	7 days' labor	England	Laborer	1845	5 7	Sallow	Grey	Dk brown		
Michael Sullivan	Jan 11	Riverton	Obscene language	10 days' labor	England	Painter	1834	5 7	Fair	Blue	Fair		
Albert Stephens	Jan 13	Campbell'tn	Larceny	14 days' labor	England	Sailor	1850	5 6	Fresh	Hazel	Dk brown		
John Daly	Jan 18	do	Ship desertion	12 weeks' labor	England	Sailor	1849	5 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sallow	Hazel	Brown		
Robert Twedly	Jan 18	do	Ship desertion	12 weeks' labor	America	Sailor	1852	5 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fresh	Blue	Dk brown		
David Baldwin	Jan 11	Switzers	Assault	1 month's labor	Ireland	Miner	1843	5 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	Fresh	Blue	Brown	Stout build	

T. K. WELDON, Commissioner of Police.