

Felonies and other Offences.

Warrants have been issued by the Invercargill Bench for the arrest of John Campbell Kerr, charged with forging and uttering a promissory note for £20 at Invercargill on the 20th of October last. Offender is a Scotchman, late editor and part owner of the 'Western Star' newspaper, Riverton, about 28 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, slight build, fair complexion, light hair, thin sandy whiskers and moustache, rather thin features, blue eyes constantly vacillating, stoops when walking, is addicted to drink and keeps late hours. He left this Province for Melbourne about the end of October last. He is married to the daughter of a man named M'Donald who formerly kept an hotel, but who now keeps a dairy at Morderalloe, which place it is supposed he occasionally visits where it is believed his wife resides with her parents, or with her sister at the same place, who is married to a market gardener.

A warrant has been issued by the Palmerston Bench for the arrest of William G. Hamilton charged with obtaining £20 on the 18th ultimo at Palmerston, from James C. Glassford, by means of a valueless cheque. Offender is a North of Ireland man, a gardener or laborer, 37 years of age (looks younger) 5 feet, 9 inches high, medium build, fresh complexion, brown hair cut short, sandy whiskers worn all round, awkward gait; wore dark grey tweed paget coat, and double-breasted vest of same material the lower button of which is generally open, brown and white ribbed tweed trousers, elastic-side boots, and black felt hat, frequents hotels and is addicted to drink. He represents himself as nephew to Captain Hamilton, the squatter.

A warrant has been issued by the Invercargill Bench for the arrest of a man, name unknown, charged with obtaining 10s. on the 21st ultimo at Invercargill, from Patrick Silk, by means of a valueless cheque. Offender is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches high, well built, stout make, auburn whiskers, beard, and moustache, clipped to about two inches long, good looking, dressed in grey clothes pretty well worn, and brownish hat. He was accompanied by a man of low set stature, dressed in dark clothes.

A warrant has been issued by the Dunedin Bench for the arrest of Michael Henry Phelan, charged with deserting his wife and child at Oamaru, on the 21st ultimo. Offender is a Welchman, a laborer, 23 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, stout build, dark whiskers and moustache, chin shaved, wears earrings, dressed in blue sac coat and vest, moleskin trousers, drab hat and blucher boots.

A man of the following description is charged with having assaulted and attempted to rob William Gall, on the Woodhaugh road, near the Water of Leith, Dunedin, between 8 and 9 o'clock on the night of the 3rd instant. Offender is described as being between 30 and 40 years of age, short and stout build, thin features, no whiskers, wore dark coat, white trousers and heavy boots.

William Murphy is charged with having recently (date not given) deserted from Her Majesty's ship "Dido" at Auckland, and for whose arrest £3 reward is offered. He is an Irishman, an able seaman, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6½ inches high, dark eyes, hair, and complexion, black whiskers and moustache, rolling gait, square build. He was arrested

in January, 1873, by constable Sullivan, at Campbelltown for a similar offence, *Vide Otago Police Gazette*, 1872, page 72, and 1873 page 4.

A man of the following description is charged with having wilfully and obscenely exposed his person to Elizabeth Allan, aged 11 years in Albany-street, Dunedin, on the 13th ultimo. Offender is between 30 and 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, rather stout build, round face, dark complexion, dark brown hair, moustache and Yankee beard, dressed in short blue coat, slit in back, blue vest, grey trousers, black round hard felt hat and elastic-side boots, small feet, supposed to be a sailor. Identifiable.

Stolen between the 12th and 18th ultimo from the stable of John Cheqwedpen at Shotover Bridge, an imitation hogskin saddle, about two years in use, a small hole in off knee pad, and a cut across seat, crupper and martingale attached. Value £7. Identifiable.

Stolen on the 8th instant from the Masonic Hall, Moray Place, Dunedin, a grey striped faded buggy cover, has been repaired and washed several times, the property of R. Hudson. Value 10s. Identifiable.

Stolen on the 10th instant from the person of John McMeenan, in the Provincial Sale Yards, Dunedin, two £5 notes on the Union Bank of Australia and Colonial Bank of New Zealand, four £1 notes, one on the Colonial Bank of New Zealand.

Stolen on the 9th instant from the shop of Mr. McKenzie, Fleet-street, Dunedin, a brown and white hearth rug, marked H.S. with pencil. Value 4s. Identifiable.

Stolen between 9 p.m. on the 8th and 8 a.m. on the 9th instant from the shop of Joseph Braithwaite, Fleet-street, Dunedin, about a dozen books, Novels by Emmeth, Young Folks' story book, and a sixth-month part of Every Week. Value £1 5s. Identifiable.

Stolen about the 7th instant, in the Commercial Hotel, Tokomairiro, from the person of John McFarlane, while drunk, a silver hunting centre seconds stop watch No. 7877, Maker, Euchardet, London, long link plain Albert gold chain and locket attached. Value £19. Identifiable.

Stolen on the 9th instant, at Oamaru from the person of William Walker, two £10 notes on the Bank of New Zealand, Nos. 014,644, and 01,592. Identifiable.

Stolen between 10 p.m. on the 19th and 6 a.m. on the 20th ultimo from a bedroom in Weaver's Royal Hotel, Invercargill, 24 £1 notes on the Colonial Bank of New Zealand, Invercargill branch, four of the notes are numbered 36441, 36442, 36443, and 36444, the remaining notes are supposed to be numbered consecutively from 36421, to 36440, or from 36461 to 36480, the property of John Mapples. Identifiable. Suspicion attached to Charles Weaver, an Irishman, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, dark complexion, dark hair, beard and moustache, dressed in light tweed clothes and black hat.

Stolen on the 2nd instant, from the clothes line of Alice Wright, at Kensington, near Dunedin, a linen