



# OTAGO POLICE GAZETTE.

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## Felonies and other Offences.

### INCENDIARISM.

#### MALICIOUSLY SETTING FIRE TO THREE STACKS OF HAY.

##### £50 REWARD.

Whereas on the morning of Wednesday, the 8th of January last, three stacks of hay, situate at the Leaning Rock Pound, near Clyde, the property of William Williams, value £400, were destroyed by fire: And whereas, at an inquest held on the 10th and 17th of that month to inquire as to the origin of the said fire, the jury returned the following verdict:—"That the stacks did not catch fire by heating; but how they did catch fire there is no evidence to show:" And whereas there is reason to believe that the said fire was caused by some evil-disposed person or persons: Notice is hereby given that a reward of fifty pounds will be paid by the Provincial Government of Otago for such information as will lead to the conviction of the person or persons by whom the said fire was caused.

A warrant has been issued by the Lawrence Bench for the arrest of Pon Ah Quon, charged with attempted larceny of a bay mare, 15½ hands high, branded CP supposed near shoulder, star on forehead, hind foot white, the property of James Docherty, value £20, identifiable. Offender is a Chinaman, 30 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches high, slight build, pockmarked about nose, smart appearance, speaks English, wore blue cloth Chinese jumper, black leather leggings, and carried a small currier's bag.

This offender represented himself as a Chinese merchant to Mr Docherty, from whom he hired the mare at Lawrence, on the 25th ultimo, for seven days, for the

purpose of going to Pomahaka, and has not since returned; and it has been ascertained that he offered the animal for sale at Manuherika about the 1st instant.

A warrant has been issued by the Port Chalmers Bench for the arrest of Stephen Willis, charged with disobeying a summons to appear at the Police Court at Port Chalmers, on the 26th inst., to answer a charge of making use of obscene language.

Offender is an Englishman, a sailor, 22 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, medium build, sullen looking, brown hair and moustache, very little whiskers, grey eyes, cocked nose, rolling gait, dressed in blue cloth coat, brown and grey striped trousers, and blue cloth cap with French peak.

This offender is also charged with deserting from the ship Zealandia, at Port Chalmers, on the 25 instant.

Stolen on the night of the 27th instant, from the Stuart street Jetty, Dunedin, an iron stern gland, for a screw-steamer, weighing about 28 lbs, the property of Thomas H. Davidson, value £5, identifiable.

Stolen on the 29th instant, from the residence of James Morris, Walker street, Dunedin, a pair of navy boots, nearly new, laced in front, the property of James Spratley, value 20s, identifiable. Suspicion is attached to Benjamin Jordon.

Stolen on the 27th January last, at the White Horse Hotel, Tokomairiro, a cheque for £2 4s, on the Bank of New South Wales, Dunedin, signed by Fritz Clarence Roberts, the property of F. W. Harrison. Identifiable.

Stolen, about the 2nd instant, from Dipton Station, Southland District, a light grey saddle horse, 9 years old, about 15 hands high, branded B on near shoulder