

## Domestic Intelligence.

**PASSING FORGED NOTES.**—A man, named Jarvis, has been apprehended on a charge of feloniously uttering a forged One Pound Note, on the Colonial Bank, under the following circumstances:—Jarvis, in the costume of an up-country traveller, entered the comfortable hostelry of Mr. Edeson, known as the *Blue Bells of Scotland*, in Murray-street, and called for a glass of beer, for which he tossed on the counter a silver shilling; he then departed, and shortly afterwards returned and called for a pint of the same refreshing beverage, for which he tendered a One Pound Note, which, it seems, was pasted on a slip of paper, corresponding in size to the note: the note was taken, the change given to the utterer, as well as the beer. Mrs. Edeson, like Mrs. Gilpin, a "careful soul," placed the note in her pocket-book, and soon afterwards, proceeded into the town to purchase such necessary articles as were required in her establishment. On tendering the note to Mr. Joseph Lester, he immediately detected the forgery, and, but for his knowledge of Mrs. Edeson, he would have lodged her in the watchhouse. Upon this Mrs. Edeson proceeds to the Police Office, and describes the utterer in a very minute and circumstantial manner, and, presently, the man Jarvis, a most suspicious character, was apprehended, and immediately identified by Mr. Edeson as his up-country customer. The offender is under examination, and it is expected that others implicated in this nefarious transaction will be brought to justice: the greatest praise is due, as regards the present case, to Constables Goldsmith and Brown, of the Detective Police, through whose knowledge and activity Jarvis was apprehended. Every day confirms us in our opinion of the efficacy and public benefit of a Detective Police, and, in our belief, such a Police should be well and adequately rewarded.

**ROBBERIES OF THE WEEK.**—The present week, through some extraordinary influence,—we hope *mesmerism* has nothing to do with it,—has been a busy one with the burglars, no less than three robberies having been perpetrated: two on Tuesday night, and one on the following night. The first of which we heard was at the Rev. Mr. Dry's residence, in the Domain, and formerly occupied by the Rev. Mr. Palmer, Rural Dean. The thieves entered through a back window and took away a number of silver spoons, forks, and other small articles of plate, &c. The next was at Dr. Bedford's house in Davey-street: how this was effected, we have not learnt, but a gold watch, and a cash box containing a five-pound note, were abstracted. The third was at the shop of Mr.

violent exertions on their behalf. A committee was appointed to raise a subscription for the purpose of procuring a public token of approbation. Thirty guineas were subscribed on the spot. Mr. Coppin had given a "benefit" for the survivors, the net proceeds of which were £66.—*Launceston Examiner.*

**POLICE MAGISTRATES.**—We learn, from good authority, that no reduction will take place amongst the Police Magistrates of the interior,—a measure, we think, wise and politic.

**THE VAN DIKEMEN'S LAND INSURANCE COMPANY.**—We noticed in our last the timely prevention of a fire at a house in Macquarie-street, opposite the residence of Mr. Burgess, C.P.M. The house is the property of Mr. Elisha Bailey, who has insured it in the above Company for £500; the two adjoining houses, belonging to Mr. W. Harris, are also insured in the same office. In preventing the fire, some slight damage was necessarily done to the roof and ceiling, and the men, who so meritoriously exerted themselves,—and they are prisoners of the Crown—also sustained in the aggregate a loss of £5 to their clothes. An application was made by Mr. Bailey, who was out of town at the time of the fire, to the V.D.L. Insurance Company, to repair the roof, &c., and to compensate the men for their clothes: *this was refused*, although, through the exertions of these men, the Company was saved some thousand pounds of insurance for the three houses, which would most probably have been burnt to the ground. What will our Sydney and English friends say to such liberality as this?

**INSOLVENT COURT.**—Yesterday being appointed for the examination of Mr. H. Baynton, relative to his insolvency—he having obtained a certificate of discharge—Mr. Rowlands appeared on his behalf, and stating that Mr. Baynton was not in town, he was prepared to show cause against his appearance, in obedience to the learned Commissioner's summons, as, if he were present, he could not be examined. The Commissioner thought the Insolvent ought to be present. Mr. Montagu, who, with Mr. Midwood, appeared for Captain McDonald, the assignee, contended, that Mr. Baynton ought to attend;—the summons was sufficiently clear and explicit. After some argument, and a reference to various sections of the Insolvent Act, it was arranged that Mr. Baynton should attend that day three weeks, namely, the 16th of October, and that in the meantime the Insolvent should have access to his books and papers, and obtain all necessary information that he might require.

**CORONER'S INQUEST.**—On Tuesday, Major Schaw, held an Inquest on the remains of a man named Constable, a shoemaker, who had been

upon the credibility of his evidence; and should they be of opinion that Barnard was actually and *bonâ fide* a partner in the firm, his Honor would reserve that point for further argument.

The jury retired, and after an absence of about half an hour, returned a verdict of Guilty against both the prisoners, who were sentenced—Medd (transported for embezzlement in 1834), to fourteen years' transportation, and King (transported for receiving stolen goods), the like sentence.

With respect to the man Barnard, there appears to be but one opinion, and that a bad one; and although he gave his evidence with bold intelligence, it was plain to see that he must have been cognisant of the repeated robberies of Mr. Lewis, even if he did not participate in the profits of the plunder. On being asked by Mr. Maedowell what sent him to the colony, he said, "That is my business, not your's," and of course the learned Judge would not permit the question to be pressed. Barnard, it appears, performed his probation in England, at Millbank and the Hulks, and received a second class pass immediately on his arrival in the colony—a practice which his Honor seemed by no means to approve of. We hope, for the sake of the public, that the proper authorities will make some inquiry respecting Mr. Barnard, who, we may observe, came here in the *Mount Stuart Elphinstone*.

John Jarvis was acquitted on a charge of feloniously uttering a forged promissory note for 20s. on the Union Bank, with intent to defraud Mr. F. Edeson, of the *Blue Bells of Scotland*. We have already published the facts of this case in our Police Report, and a bolder uttering we never heard of. The prisoner, however, produced three witnesses to prove an *alibi*, and he so far succeeded as to raise a doubt, of which the jury mercifully gave him the benefit, and he was discharged.

Catherine Forsyth and Henry Green were charged with stealing a table cloth and some knives and forks, the property of Mr. F. Edeson, the prosecutor in the last case.

Green, it is stated, had hidden the articles mentioned. Information being given to the Police, Constable Brown went in search of Green, and found him in his lodgings, where the female prisoner was in bed. The articles were found in the house.

The woman was acquitted, and Green was sentenced to seven years' transportation.

who furnished the prisoner with certain articles of slop-clothing. He was sentenced to be transported for seven years.

David Allen, who pleaded Guilty to robbing his employers, Messrs. Nathan, Moses, & Co., was sentenced to be transported for seven years.

Dennis M'Cormack, the private of the 51st Regiment, who stole two watches from the shop of Mr. Cole, and who pleaded Guilty to the charge, was briefly addressed by his Honor, who observed that, in his opinion, the prisoner's object was to leave the regiment, in order that he might not go to India. His Honor, however, would take care to prevent the completion of that purpose, and he sentenced him to be imprisoned for six weeks with hard labour, and to be whipped twice during that period. The prisoner made a rambling statement relative to an attempt to poison him at Swan River, and declared that he had been so harrassed in the regiment that he was at length determined to deliver himself up to the civil power. He is a stout rather good-looking young man, but with a very peculiar expression of countenance.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23.

Fifteen prisoners—two being females—were placed at the bar this morning, the pleas of whom had been taken previously to the rising of the Court the day before.

John Cantlin, William Martin, Edward Schofield, and Edward Coumbes, all mere lads, were charged with a robbery on the 23rd September last, at the house of John Doolin, at Bagdad, and stealing therefrom some flour, meat, a saucepan, a pair of spectacles, with other articles; they were also specially charged with putting the prosecutor—by means of certain threats—into bodily fear of his life.

The prosecutor, a plasterer, stated that, early on the morning of the day in question (a Sunday), he was surprised by the sudden entrance into his bed-room of three men, a fourth keeping watch at the door of the house. One of the men said, "We are bolters, and have come for rations and clothes, and you will please to give us some flour, meat, tea, sugar, tobacco, pepper, and salt." They were armed with sticks, but used no other threats than this. On going away, and looking at the clock, one of them said—"If anyone stirs out of this house within an hour, we shall come back to-morrow with *fire arms*." They took away the several articles charged in the information.