

# RORVIG'S FORD IS RECOVERED

STEVE RORVIG'S CAR ABANDONED BY THIEVES AT WYBERG, SOUTH DAKOTA

The Ford car stolen from Steve Rorvig's garage in Binford in the early part of October, has been recovered.

Last week Village Marshal Wallin received an unsigned letter, mailed on the train, stating that a Ford car stolen in Binford could be found at Wyberg, South Dakota. This letter was followed by a telegram to the marshal from the authorities at Wyberg, which confirmed the statement that a Ford car, giving the engine number, had been left at that place. Comparing the figures of the engine number, which Mr. Rorvig had obtained from the motor vehicle license department of the state, with those transmitted by wire from Wyberg, there was no doubt as to the car being the one stolen from Mr. Rorvig.

Mr. Rorvig left here last Thursday for Wyberg, and reached there Saturday. Except for a few minor repairs, amounting to about \$30, the car was in as good condition as when taken. Three new tires had been put on, but the side curtains were missing. Mr. Rorvig returned to Binford Tuesday evening.

The car, with the radiator drained, had been abandoned on the streets at Wyberg on Thanksgiving day. At that time, the letter to Marshal Wallin was sent and also one to the marshal at Wyberg, with the information that the car belonged to a party in Binford.

The identity of the car was changed somewhat. An effort had been made to change the engine number with a chisel, and this was successful to the extent of making an "8" appear as a "3". The North Dakota license tag had been removed and replaced with a Nebraska tag.

Just why the car was abandoned is hard to determine. Mr. Rorvig and the authorities at Wyberg are of the opinion that because of the money stringency it would be difficult to dispose of it except at a very low figure and fearing that their anxiety to sell might arouse suspicion, and possible apprehension, the thieves just naturally got "cold feet" and "fessed" up without disclosing their identity. Then again, there is another side to the story that seems reasonable. It is thought that the parties who stole Mr. Rorvig's car were the same who stole a Dort car in Nebraska and abandoned that for a Ford in Minnesota, and the Ford left along the road between Binford and Jessie about the time the Rorvig car was taken. All of these cars have been recovered by the owners, and probably in the same manner that Mr. Rorvig learned of his. It would appear that the parties are taking a cheap way to see the country—but it might prove an expensive one.

At any rate, Steve isn't worrying any more about the thieves. He was a tired man after a 450 mile ride from near the Nebraska line, but happy because his old fivver is again back in its stall.