

WALKED OUT TO FREEDOM.

The county jail, so called, has never been considered an exceptionally strong place for the confinement of prisoners, but it was not thought that a prisoner would be allowed to deliberately walk out to freedom.

J. H. Howard, who was brought back from Oklahoma a few weeks ago charged with stealing a livery team from McFall Bros. of Michigan, made his escape Wednesday night in the easiest possible manner. Two weeks ago he entered a plea of guilty to the charge in the district court and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Owing to the inclement weather and a pressure of other business Sheriff Sveen had been unable to take him to the pen, but kept him in jail. U. G. Barnhouse was engaged to watch during the night. On Wednesday night, shortly before midnight, according to the statement by Sheriff Sveen, Barnhouse told the prisoner to take a pail of slop and throw it out doors. Upward of an hour later the prisoner not having returned Barnhouse became uneasy and instituted a search but no trace of the prisoner could be found. The sheriff was notified and all trains were watched, but Howard had not been captured up to the time of going to press. When he walked out of jail he was in his shirt sleeves — Lakota American.