

Horse Thief.

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Sometime during Saturday night a thief entered the barn of Joel Baum and stole one of his best horses, a new set of harness and a buggy. It is said that the thief went through Courtenay with his plunder and headed toward the southwest and passed the farm of Anton Scheler about four o'clock Sunday morning. He went to the west part of the county with the officers close on his trail and it was only by a little manouvering that he escaped being captured. He seems to have been aware that the officers were after him and in one place where the road turns around a hill he gave the officers the slip. They were close upon him and were about to overtake him but instead of going straight ahead as the officers supposed he would he turned around the hill and got behind the officers.

It would seem that the party who did the stealing was very familiar with the Baum farm and knew where everything was kept. He took the pole out of the buggy and put in a pair of thills and then selected one of the best horses in the barn and before he left went to the meat house and filled the buggy with meat to keep him from being overcome with hunger while getting to his place of safety. It is supposed that this is probably the same person who stole a team from Mr. Baum a little over a year ago and it is thought that if Mr. Baum ever succeeds in finding the culprit he will find a man whom he is well acquainted with.
