

Steals a Horse and Then a Bicycle

—Caught South of Jamestown.

A young fellow who had been working for George Baumez, departed Thursday night, taking with him a pony, saddle and bridle. He rode as far as Jamestown where he went into Gross' store and looked at an old bicycle saying he wanted to try it. Gross allowed him to have the wheel and the fellow started towards the mill. Growing suspicious when the stranger did not return Gross followed the track made by the corrugated tire of the wheel and finding it crossed the mill bridge and went over the hill returned to town and procured a warrant and in company with Constable Thompson started in pursuit of the thief. The track was easily followed for several miles but after that the fellow to throw possible pursuers off the track would, whenever the road forked, ride down one road a short distance and then carry the wheel over to the other road. The pursuit was rewarded by finding the thief about 2 o'clock seated by the side of the road industriously pumping wind into the tire. Gross insisted on making him walk back to the city but abandoned the idea when Knowles' was reached and left the wheel there.

"The prisoner was driven back to town, says the Alert. He gave quite an account of his doings of late and pointed out where the horse could be found which he had ridden from Valley City. The horse was found as related. The man, who gave his name to the justice of the peace as Geo. W. Streeter, was bound over to the district court for sentence. He pleaded guilty to the charge of grand larceny. Bail was fixed at \$200, but not being able to secure it, of course he boards with the county. Streeter, who appear to be a bright fellow, says his parents live in Duluth. He had been working for a farmer living about twelve miles north of Valley City but was compelled to fly because of an episode with one of the daughters of a neighbor's family. He says he stole a pony from the barn and flew Thursday night reaching here the next morning. When near town he stripped the horse of its saddle and bridle and turned it loose. He then walked straight to a bicycle shop intending to get out of town in short order. He was in the city but 36 minutes. Had the bike been better he would not have been caught."

Sheriff Briggs was hot on the trail and got up to Jamestown shortly after his capture from whence Baumez's pony was brought home. As the Stutsman county officials had the young man for grand larceny, the sheriff left him to their tender mercies.

Saturday afternoon Streeter was sentenced to a year in the "pen" and was taken to Bismarck Monday.