

HIRED MAN IS MISSING

PINGREE MAN LEFT FARM IN CARE OF NEW HELP WHO TOOK FRENCH LEAVE WITH A HORSE AND OTHER VALUABLES—OFFICERS LOOK FOR THIEF.

Jamestown, N. D., Oct. 25—H. J. Startzell, a farmer living eight miles west of Pingree was in the city yesterday and this morning, a witness on the arson case of the four Pingree men. Mr. Startzell stated that he had been the victim of a robbery the first part of the week that will give the authorities a little trouble before the thief is landed.

Mr. Startzell left his farm on Saturday with a bunch of cattle which he had to deliver and left his new hired man, with whom he was but little acquainted, but thought could be trusted at least with farm stock, in charge of his stock until his return. He returned home Monday night and found that the man had disappeared and had taken with him a horse, a 42-40 rifle, hat, pair shoes, stick pin, rain coat and saddle.

The horse stolen was a small gray mare, weight about 950 or 1,000 pounds, had wire cut on inside of right hind leg. The description of the man is about as follows: Age 20 or 21, height 5 feet, 5 inches, light hair and was short and heavy set, weighing about 145 pounds. Mr. Startzell says the next time he leaves home, he will load his farm machinery and stock into his wagon and take it along with him, as it is about the only place they would be safe at present. The only objection he would have to this mode of procedure was that he would have to hire a man to watch the wagon and that would be too costly.