

### Found Boys' Skeleton.

Jamestown Alert: For some time there has been a report in circulation among the residents of the vicinity of Montpelier that the remains of a human being had been buried near the river under peculiar circumstances and that a certain party knew where such a grave was located. By accident this week what appeared to be an old grave was discovered near the Jim river about two miles south of the above town and the fact that the dirt had settled in a certain place in an excavation that resembled a grave led to the experiment of digging in the spot.

The parties who had their curiosity aroused in the matter were rewarded this week by uncovering the partial remains of a human skeleton by Ole Syvertson, it appearing to be that of a boy about 15 years of age. The grave was not a deep one and the dirt had partly fallen away from the surface, showing a line where the hard earth divided the grave from the old earth once removed and replaced. In the grave were found the soles and high heels of a pair of shoes and most of the bones of a body.

The remains were gathered together and taken to Plano, where they were reburied and there is much speculation among the neighbors and others as to whose body the bones once belonged. No other clue is said to have been found in the grave, which is an old one from all appearances. Undertaker Meeker from Flint's of Jamestown, was attending the Williams funeral and his attention was called to the remains, but he could throw no light on the subject, except as to the probability that the bones were those of a boy about 15 or 16 years of age.

There has been a tradition or gossip for many years in that part of the county that some eighteen years ago a boy whose parents formerly lived near Sanborn or some point in Barnes county had suddenly disappeared and nothing had been seen or heard of him. That his father was accustomed to treat him harshly and frequently beat and mistreated him, and that one day after whipping the lad in a barn on the farm both father and boy disappeared, and that later the father returned home alone, but that nothing was ever heard or seen of the lad. The neighbors all believed that the boy had been gotten away with by foul means, but in those days nobody cared to interest themselves in the fate of the lad, and nothing was ever done to find out his whereabouts. It is said several of the other children are alive and residents of some part of Barnes county, possibly Valley City.

Whether there is any truth in the rumors about the death or murder of the boy referred to is not known, but certainly the bones of some such lad have been dug up in a lonely spot near the river, surrounded by thick underbrush, and have lain there a long time. It is possible that further inquiry may develop more about the matter, and that the mystery of the lost boy may be cleared up, for there is nothing truer under the sun than that "murder will out," if murder it has been.