

**HORSE THIEVES ARE AT WORK**  
**Robbed B.F. Milam and W.E. Bailey this week of horses**  
**Believed to Have Been Carried to McCurtain County and Hid**

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Last Tuesday B.F. Milam started to move the effects of W.E. Bailey, who used to be here in the furniture business, from Hugo to a farm about three miles from Corrine, a post office just across the line in Pushmataha county where Mr. Bailey was expecting to begin farming. While out there Wednesday night the two horses of Mr. Milam disappeared very quietly and mysteriously. The next morning, when their absence was discovered Mr. Milam took the trail and followed it down the road for some way and then lost it. He kept right on, however, and walked into Hugo, a distance of some twenty miles.

Thursday night on Mr. Bailey's farm two colts and a mare were in the stable lot. The next morning they too had disappeared. Their trail also followed a short ways and lost.

No trace of either set of horses has yet been found. The sheriff and his deputies have been on the lookout and the Anti Horse Thief Association has taken the matter up and will follow it with customary energy and persistence. Mr. Milam says he will regain his property if he looks over three counties and he has now gone on the hunt. For some time there has been a rumor of an organized working of thieves in this section of the country. Quite a number of horses have mysteriously disappeared. It is whispered that there is a large pasture in McCurtain county near Little river within which there is another smaller pasture into which no stranger is allowed to go.