



## *Stealing a Bicycle 1906*

At Trowbridge Police Court on Wednesday, Charles Tabor, a Somerset man, who fought in the South African war, was charged with stealing a bicycle value £3. The property of Walter H Ferris of Seend.

The evidence showed that prosecutor left his bicycle outside some gates while he was attending a lifeboat demonstration, and when he went for it, it was gone. The same evening prisoner, who had taken the machine, called at a house a mile from Trowbridge covered with blood, having fallen from the bicycle, which he left in a field. Prisoner returned to Trowbridge and slept, but went off next morning without paying for the night's lodging. He was traced to Amesbury, where he was arrested.

Superintendent Tyler proved a previous conviction against prisoner for bicycle stealing; he was wanted at Dover for a similar charge; and was a deserter from the Army.

Prisoner was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

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