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OUR JAIL WILL BE STRONG

The Prisoner to Gain his Freedom Will Have to Saw his way Out of Five Heavy Steel Doors and Chisel Through a Two Foot Wall—Floor Will be Cement.

The plans for the new sheriff residence and jail for Ward county have arrived and from the appearance of them, the prisoner who saws his way out of a cell or digs a tunnel under the wall will deserve to have his picture hung in the Hall of Fame. The building is to be modern in style, steam heated, electric lighted and finished in hard wood. The jail is to be a dandy, regular Sing Sing style. The door opens from the outside and the wrong door is ushered into a vestibule. A strong steel door opens and he is taken through a hall to another strong steel door. Another hall is passed through and he finally passes into a cell room having passed through five heavy steel doors. The cells are placed in the center of the large space and a stone wall about the whole of it. The wall is to be two feet thick. An eight inch cement floor is to be laid. The jail will be three stories high. There is to be a woman's ward and a ward for boys.

The sheriff's residence will be beautiful. It will be next to the jail. On the first floor there will be a parlor, hall, dining room, kitchen, pantry, and bed room. There will be four bed rooms on second floor. The jail and residence will be 44x60 feet in size not including the porches. The building will cost about \$10,000 and will be completed about the first of the year.

Without Money or Food.

The Great Northern sent two hundred laborers to this city Sunday night, intending to forward the men to Columbia Falls,

Wash., where they are to work on the railroad. The morning passenger west could not carry only half of the men in one coach and the others were compelled to remain here until Tuesday morning. Some of the men were very obstinate and were bound to climb on board the train anyway and it required the combined efforts of the chief of police and the conductor to keep them off. Most of them were out of money and could not afford to remain here. Some were very hungry and this made them ugly. A number of fights took place but no one was seriously injured. The men wished the city to care for them, but the city authorities did not see the consistency of such work. Jim Hill is able to care for the men who are going to make money for him and he should have seen to it that they had plenty to eat until they reached their destination. They did not have money enough to get very drunk and this was a good thing. The officers kept a close lookout all day long to see that no hold ups took place. The men were not necessarily tough fellows, but were driven almost to desperation by hunger. It was a shame on the part of the Great Northern not to care for them.

Is a Busy Man.

J. Fauchald in addition to owning half interest in the New York store, Minot's big mercantile establishment, has a store at White Earth which is doing an immense business. For a time Mr. Fauchald owned a store in Sweden but sold it last year. He still owns a large mill in Sweden and has a lease of the site on which it stands for 99 years. He does not know whether he will lease it longer after the time expires or not.

ANDERSON BREAKS HIS NECK

Well Dressed Stranger Falls From Passenger Train No. 4 Four Miles West of Berthold Sunday Night and is Killed.

Chas. Anderson, a well dressed stranger, was found dead by the side of the Great Northern track four miles west of Berthold at 6:00 o'clock Monday evening. Engineer Chas. Schumaker first saw the body and stopped the train, No. 2 which was following No. 4. With the assistance of his train crew, the body was placed on board the train and brought to this city and taken to McJannett's morgue. The inquest was held Monday morning. It was ascertained that he had traveled to Kalispell, Mont., on a cash ticket from Columbia Falls, Wash., and was traveling on a through ticket from Kalispell to Minneapolis when he was killed. He evidently went to the door of the car and accidentally fell from the train. His neck was broken, but there were no other bruises on his body. On his person a large roll of bills, some change and a valuable gold watch were found. He was a man of about thirty-five years of age and weighed about 200. He had light hair and appeared to be a working man. He was a Scandinavian. The jury consisted of C. F. Truax, J. F. Walrath and Ole Clevon and decided that no one but himself could be blamed for his death. The man's home is supposed to have been in Minneapolis, and his body is being held until some word can be heard from friends.

Conductor Tom Cloone who was on No. 4 the night of the accident, identified the ticket. He did not remember the man but said he had punched his ticket. He knows the man could not have been drunk, for he would have remembered seeing him in that case.

Conductor Cloone was seen by a representative of the Independent. He said that while he did not remember the dead man, the fellow must have gone to the vestibule and opened the door to look out. He says people often grow curious and not contented with looking out of the window, they have to go to the trouble to open the door of the vestibule. The man was found on the south side of the track in a muddy place. He had struck squarely on his head and shoulder. His hat was muddy and there was a large amount of mud in his hair. The train was going fully 45 miles an hour.

Anderson was found about 6 o'clock Monday morning. He fell from the train about a quarter to nine. The railroad men who found him say he was alive when picked up but unconscious. He died a few moments after being placed in the express car.

Married Fifty Years.

Colonel and Mrs. J. C. Marcy will have been married fifty years October 11, a week from Sunday. This is a remarkable record and one which can hardly be equaled by another couple in North Dakota. Mr. Marcy married his wife in Mississippi. He was then a professor of a large college there drawing a salary of \$170 per month. He later went to New York. Mr. Marcy has had many interesting experiences and held some important positions in his time. He is exceedingly well read and can give some of the lawyers pointers in spite of his years. May the Colonel and his wife enjoy many more years of happiness.

BURLINGTON ELEVATOR BURNED

Caught Fire Mysteriously Friday Night—2,000 Bushels of Flax Burned—Men Push Cars From Burning Building.

The Royal elevator burned at Burlington Friday night, catching fire at eleven o'clock. The fire lasted until nearly morning. By hard work the stock yards and other buildings were saved. The origin of the fire is not known although many believe it started from a hot journal. Others are disposed to believe that someone set the elevator on fire out of spite. The elevator had a capacity of 150,000 bushels but had only about 2,000 bushels of flax in it besides some other grain. While a dance was in progress, the cry of fire startled the merry makers and all of the men ran to put out the conflagration. The doors of the elevator were broken open but the flames had gotten too good a start. Several car loads of grain stood close to the burning building and there were enough men in the crowd to move them down the track out of danger. Leslie Colton got his hose and force pump in readiness for any emergency. The loss is a great one to the elevator company as this is the season of the year when the most grain will be bought. It may be rebuilt, though this is a question.

NO ROOM FOR DULLARDS OR DRONES

The Minneapolis Tribune of Sunday contained a splendid write-up of Minot, Kenmare and other North Dakota towns with excellent illustrations. A whole page was given to Minot and that paper said very truthfully that our fair city is located in the center of as fine a farming and grazing country as the world contains. A bird's eye view of the city was shown, also Lover's Lane which is known far and near. A farm scene and threshing scene near Minot were shown. In part the paper says:

"Everything is activity and hustle. There is no room for dullards or drones, consequently the stranger is charmed with the conditions with which he finds himself surrounded, and wholly unwilling to again fall back to the humdrum life of his former home. In this connection, however, it is well to state with emphasis, that while Minot is located near the outer boundary of the state, it is not a frontier town by any means, but a model, well ordered and well governed city, with the best attributes of civic pride always in mind both in the conduct of municipal affairs and the public spirit of her citizens."

The Tribune says that Minot is bound to develop into one of the largest and most important cities in the entire Northwest.

Music Store for Minot.

August E. Brandt, a music dealer from Benson, Minn., is in the city. He will erect a building and put in a full line of musical instruments. His daughters are fine musicians and will give lessons here. Minot has not a music store at present and there is no reason why one will not pay well. Mr. Brandt purchased from P. P. Lee, the residence which Mr. Lee now occupies.

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