

TO GET SCOFIELD OUT OF PRISON.

An Effort is Being Made to Get Ward County's Sheriff Out of the Cass County Jail on a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

An effort is being made to get Sheriff A. P. Scofield of this county out of the Cass county jail at Fargo. It is said that the criticisms which Judge Amidon has been subjected to by the state papers, has angered his royal highness to such a degree that he has ordered the sheriff into close confinement and it now looks as if he would not set him free before his ninety days are up. Mr. Scofield has secured for his attorneys, Judge Corliss and John Burke who will make application to Judge Sanborn of the United States Circuit court of appeals, for a writ of habeas corpus for the release of the sheriff.

The writ will be asked on the grounds that the power of the federal court has been limited by an act of congress, and such limitations have been held valid by the higher courts; that Scofield was not in contempt of court, inasmuch as his alleged misbehavior was not in the presence of the court or in the court building, but several blocks away nor was it so near the courthouse as to obstruct the administration of justice.

The application to Judge Sanborn will be made at St. Paul Wednesday by Judge Corliss, when the date for the arguments will be set.

PEOPLE BURNED LAST NIGHT IN CHICAGO

A Special to The Independent Says That 3200 People in a Chicago Theatre Were Caught in a Death Trap While Witnessing an Entertainment Wednesday Night—Road Master Killed.

Chicago, Dec. 30, 1903.—Thirty-two-hundred people who were attending a performance in a theatre here last night were caught in a fire trap and nearly all of them were burned. Up until 12 o'clock tonight, the bodies of 536 have been taken from the ruins. Many went wild in their despair. It is the greatest fire of the kind ever known in the

United States. Peola, Mont., Dec. 30, 1903.—Roadmaster Geary, of this division, was struck by No. 3 this morning as he was at the edge of the tunnel near this place and instantly killed. Many Japs were engaged in cutting a huge boulder near the scene and he did not see the approaching train.

Should be Reappointed.

The county commissioners will meet in regular session next Monday. The first act to be done is to appoint two commissioners to fill the vacancies in the cases of John Wallin and Wm. Black. The Independent, a few weeks ago mentioned this fact and again expresses the wish that Commissioners Black and Wallin be reappointed by the other commissioners. This county of ours is large and it takes a long time for a commissioner to learn those things regarding it, which are necessary to know, in order that they will make no mistakes. Our commissioners who are now in office understand the needs of the county and it is important that those who are now in office should remain where they are.

It is Not True.

The Ward County Reporter last week printed a clipping from the Bottineau Courant which roasted Sheriff Scofield for what he did at Grand Forks. The Reporter in its head stated that public sympathy was against Scofield. This is a falsehood. Public sympathy is with Scofield and Bro. Wilson seems to be about the only one in this part of the state who has set up a clarion cry on account of Judge Amidon's shameful action.

A Novel House.

States Attorney James Johnson, will build perhaps one of the most novel houses in the state on his farm at Burlington. He purchased 15,000 feet of four inch lumber and will side the new house which he will build with it. He will put on paper and siding. Jim says one has to build houses strong enough on account of the wind here and his house will certainly be warm and expensive.

Was a Good Woman

Dr. Crokot returned from Portal where he held an inquest over the dead body of Mrs. Graves, the woman killed by her husband. The doctor says that the woman had been working hard at Portal, scrubbing and doing odd jobs and was industrious and honest. She had forty dollars in the bank and had been supporting herself and children. The children were cared for well by the mother. The people of Portal had taken a subscription and bought her some furniture. She was a good looking woman and dressed well and spent considerable money but the best citizens of the place, place no blame on her.

The Farmers' Dream.

A farmer had a dream. He dreamed that he had raised 2000 bushels of wheat and was happy over the fact. Then he dreamed that he sold it for a dollar a bushel and his happiness was great. But he dreamed now that he sold it to two thousand different people, a bushel to each one, and nobody had paid him—and he was sad. When he awoke it was broad daylight and leaped out of bed he exclaimed to his wife: "Rebecca! I have had a solemn warning and I know the meaning of it. I am going right off to town and pay the printer the dollar I owe for the paper."

New G. N. Shops.

It is reported on good authority that the Great Northern will build big general shops here next spring. In that case, coaches will be built, engines rebuilt and all kinds of repair work done. Foreman Dodge now is in the east and rumor says it is concerning the new shops. We look for the new depot also.

Woman Run Over.

A woman was run down by P. P. Lee's delivery team in front of the Dacotah house Christmas eve about 8 o'clock. The pole of the sleigh struck her in the chest knocking her down. The little girl who was with her escaped injury. The woman was picked up and taken into the hotel and soon grew better. The escape was a very narrow one, and her injuries, we understand were quite serious.

Slocum's Orchestra.

One of the best orchestras ever organized in Minot is that under the management of A. P. Slocum, our druggist. The orchestra was formed purely for amusement. The following is the instrumentation: Violin, Ellison and Hunter; flute, Young; cornet, Wright and Herriete; trombone, Cooper; french horn, Simpkins; drum and trips, Hawkins; piano, Hennan; clarinet, Slocum.

Law Lets Him Out.

One of the most disgraceful things ever reported to the police took place in this city Christmas morning in which a man quite prominent in town is reported responsible for a poor woman's condition. The man should be made to wear stripes, but the law of the state lets him out, under the circumstances.

Man Found in Well

The body of a man, a homesteader, was found in a well Sunday morning, four miles north of Lansford. The body was fished out. The man's hat, coat, shoes and mittens were found at the top of the well. Murder is suspected, though he may have committed suicide. His name was Gilbourne. The well was about 10 feet deep with 1 1/2 feet of water. His son found the body face down-ward on hands and knees.

There is nothing nicer in the world for a Christmas present for your friends than one of your pictures. We make them at the Lake Studio and our prices are the most reasonable of any in the northwest. Nothing but the best work turned out. Give us a trial and you will seek no further for good work. Lake Studio Minot, N. D.

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The Man of Many Mysteries.

Professor Newmann is undoubtedly the most prominent, popular and successful hypnotic entertainer now traveling through the west. His matchless performances here last year are recorded in our memories as most mysterious and interesting, much more so, because, he is a person whose remarkable talents, the public failed to explain. Since his last appearance in our city, Newmann has added a number of new hypnotic puzzles which are said to be far in advance of anything of a like character ever seen here.

Newmann is a busy man and an original thinker, always striving to secure something new and novel in the field of mystery.

For his present engagement, he will present the most bewildering hypnotic demonstrations he has ever produced.

The leading feature is Mr. Newmann's Hypnotic Seance, a unique and startling conceit, with which he fairly dumfounds the audience, demonstrating the marvelous power he so successfully exerts over the people, who are bound by his spell.

In addition, Mr. Newmann will present the very latest novelties in Mind Reading. "The Sealed Envelope" and "The Lost Family."

The scientific, the entertainment is exercisingly funny and complete satisfaction is guaranteed to all who attend.

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And you can save money on what you buy at this sale. We are not going out of business but must make room for our Spring Line of goods. Terms of this sale are cash and cash only.

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McKONE BROS., BAKERY and GROCERY

We wish to Inform the Public that we have purchased the Bakery outfit and business from J. M. WILSON, and have bread cakes buns cookies and everything found in a first class bakery

We will be pleased to meet all of Mr. Wilson's old customers and as many new ones as possible. If you need anything in the Bakery or Grocery Line.

Call Up Phone No. 1

We have just received a very fine line of Crockery and China. Our Grocery Line is Larger and better than ever.

We handle the Pride of Minot. Remember it is the best flour obtainable in the Northwest.

McKone Bros., Minot, N. D.

A Dainty Lotion

Our Dermal Cream will be needed almost daily during the cold, raw weather of the coming months.

It keeps the skin comfortable and soft, and banishes chaps in a night, and is delightful to use. Not greasy or sticky. It is absorbed as soon as applied. Costs but little and there is none better at any price.

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Leland Hotel - Minot, N. Dak.
A four room cottage for rent near new school house. Nels Tafuson n 3t 2p.

Letter From Burlington

I had a visitor at my house who told me the following:

Der Joe had koa piclver ghot und had an hosn gsegh in die cully jezdt had er a leisin glezt und had'n hosn ei hogn wohn im gonzen dog uoa i grend und hodn nit gnagt was woas l.

Frank Clouse has been invited to make sausage up the river where he has been for two days.

Geo. Pritschet, Jr., would not attend school at St. John's "U" Minn. this winter as he was unable to attend the whole term.

N. J. Clouse is making a new jumper for Mr. Pritschet. He expects to make use of it sometime after New Years.

Wanted—Work at a hotel by a good competent young woman. Chamber work, laundry work or second cook preferred. For particulars and call at the Independent office. Experience and references.

The Fortnightly Club

The first program of the new Literary Society was given Monday Dec. 28 in Dr. Ross' office.

Roll Call—Quotations: Chatterer—Mrs. Tripp; The Colonial Period in American Literature—Dr. Ross; Literature before the Civil War—Miss Wilkinson; Literature until the present day—Rev. Edgar Jones.

General discussion. The program was a success in every way. The club will henceforth meet in one of the rooms of the Public School building.

Three Births Last Night

Born Wednesday night:
To Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Clevin, a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. Sayers, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. O. E. McGuire, a daughter.