

While taking the bootlegger, James Hall, to Bismarck last Saturday, Sheriff Lee and Deputy Lewis Hemness had somewhat of an exciting time. The sheriff, prisoner and deputy were sitting in their seats as the train was pulling out of Steele and Mr. Lee got up and started to leave the car, leaving the deputy in charge of the prisoner. Just as Mr. Lee was going out of that car into another Hall made a leap through the car window and the sheriff caught a glimpse of him when he was half way through. The train was going about twenty miles an hour but the sheriff made a flying leap from the car door and a minute later Hemness did likewise. It is a wonder all of them were not seriously hurt, but they escaped excepting getting a good shaking up. The prisoner rolled over a time or two and after a few moments got up and started through a grove of trees and out onto the prairie. but the sheriff is somewhat of a hustler when necessary and soon overhauled his man. Not having time to pull the bell rope the conductor of the train did not know he was shy three passengers and kept going so that the sheriff had to remain over in Steele until Sunday morning when he landed Hall safely at the pen. It was a daring escape and a daring recapture and Sheriff Lee and Deputy Hemness deserve credit for the good work accomplished. Hall says that they can't keep him in the penitentiary but he will find it rather difficult to break out of that place.