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DEVASTATING FIRE AT DOW CITY

MID-NIGHT FLAMES DEVOUR TEN THOUS-
AND DOLLARS IN BUSINESS SECTION
HEROISM OF MEN AND WOMEN

Four Business Houses in Ruin From a Fire
Which Raged Sunday Night, Only Stillness
of Air Saved Half the Town

Dow City was visited by a ten thousand dollar fire about one o'clock on Monday morning. Three business houses with their contents were completely destroyed and a fourth was very badly damaged by fire and water.

Little did the citizens of Dow City think when they retired to rest last Sunday night that practically all would be fighting fire on the Main street before daylight. It was about one in the morning when Mr. Daughenbaugh, the drayman, and wife saw the reflection of flames in their home a block east of the main street and discovered fire leaping from the rear of the postoffice. They quickly gave the alarm and soon about the entire population was on the scene. Marshall Baber, had not discovered the fire, but he had the big gas engine going in quick order to force water through the mains, and the fire company attached the hose to a plug on the corner of the street north of the Ahart hall. The hose was taken round in the alley back of the fire. Happily there was little wind. As it was, the gentle breeze carried flaming embers down by the railroad tracks. The Dow City boys put on two hose and the Arion company came with a third set.

The building north of the postoffice was of brick and this kept the fire from making headway northward. The roof made a place for men to stand and fight fire. The gutter was running water from the hose and the by-standers dammed up the stream and a bucket brigade was formed, the pails being passed to men on the roof of the Best brick hardware store. The

women and girls were on hand and every well in the locality was called on to give water for the fire. It is said that some men stood by, while women worked. Mr. Stemple was the fire chief. Soon Mott McHenry came in from the country and proved a host in fire fighting, doing some deeds of daring. Without saying anything Mr. Best removed fifteen pounds of dynamite from a small building near the fire.

Before long four buildings were ablaze. The postoffice at the south, next to the hardware store, and to the south a building occupied by Al Rudd as a restaurant, below this, the building where J. H. Rolls had a restaurant, the wreck of which is seen standing, last the two story building, best known as Mr. Whaley's having the



Scene After the Dow City Fire

Odd Fellow's hall above and Goddard drug store below. It is a miracle to all, how the hall building was saved at all. The roof is full of holes where flames burned through.

Our view gives an idea of the ruins. The three one story buildings with their contents were destroyed. The postoffice safe and the stoves lay in desolation amidst black embers. Postmaster Wiggins believes the safe will open all right and that the money and stamps are safe. All mail in the office and every fixture was consumed. Postmaster Wiggins immediately began to prepare some crude fixtures and these he has in the Butterworth

\$200 to \$300 in stamps and currency meat market on the opposite side of the street. The drug stock is drenched with water and there is no telling now what is the damage. The origin of the fire is not known. A man who went up the alley at 12:30 says there was no sign of fire. Banker Fishel was so overcome with fire fighting and excitement that he collapsed and the doctor was called. Many burned their hands and faces and were disabled by the excitement and exertion. When the insurance is adjusted the lots will be built again.

The postoffice building and fixtures were valued at from \$1,000 to \$1200. Total loss, with \$425 insurance. A considerable amount of mail was destroyed, all office records, \$200 worth of stamped envelopes, while about

are yet in the safe which has not been opened.

The restaurant occupied by H. A. Rudd was a total loss of about \$1000, partially insured. The building owned by A. H. Harper, valued at \$1000 was insured for \$800. The fire originated in this building.

The Rolls restaurant stock, in the Whaley building shows a loss of about \$800 with \$300 insurance.

The Goddard drug stock is badly damaged, but it is thought that insurance will cover it.

The Odd Fellows hall valued at about \$5000 is insured for \$3450 with \$400 insurance on regalia.

GOOD TEACHERS ARE EXPENSIVE

SMALL FORTUNE REQUIRED FOR DENISON
HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY ALONE

SALARIES ABOUT \$620 A MONTH

Board Selects Faculty and Fixes Salaries For
Next Year—Jacob Johnson Remains as
Manual Training Instructor

The Denison School Board has finally completed the selection of the High School faculty for next year. There were many applicants and the board spent much time in consideration of the merits of the candidates. Many colleges of the old days could not boast a finer or more complete faculty than that offered by the High School of Denison. It is an expensive institution but it is fully worth the money. It should be the means of drawing many new families to Denison as it offers the best school advantages within a radius of forty or fifty miles. The following is the faculty for next year, with the exception of the instructor in music who has not been selected.

Principal, A. C. Harrison of Parkersburg, salary \$100 per month.

Asst. Principal, Miss Fannie Hays of Denison, \$85.

English and Science, Mary L. Woods of Iowa City, \$85.

German, Henrietta Schrup of Dubuque, \$65.

English, Francis L. Crawford, Davenport, \$65.

Science, H. E. Senseney, Denison, \$75.

Manual Training, Jacob Johnson, \$100.

If the musical instructor is paid the same as the other instructors the total pay roll will be \$620 per month. There is a general rejoicing that Mr. Jacob Johnson has been prevailed upon to remain at the head of the Manual Training and Drawing departments which he has made so popular with the students and in which he has done such splendid work.

DENISON'S PIONEER MERCHANT IS DEAD

TELEGRAM TELLS OF DEATH OF J. P. MILLER
AT LOS ANGELES

HIS AGE WAS BUT SIXTY-THREE

Herman Steensen, His Brother-in Law Receives
Telegram That Mr. Miller Peacefully
Passed Away Last Night

J. P. Miller is dead. This is the sad news received today by his brother-in-law, Mr. Herman Steensen. The merchant prince of Denison; the man who will be known for many years as the most successful merchant this city has ever known passed away at his home at 208 South Bunker Hill, Los Angeles, on the evening of Tuesday, April 27.

No further particulars have been received at this hour but it is to be hoped that his body will be brought here, to the scene of his life work where his memory will be honored and revered by all who knew him. Mr. Miller was but sixty-three years of age. He came to America when sixteen and to Crawford county in 1873. His history as a merchant is a story of hard work, honesty, frugality, and intellect. It was no chance that made him the most successful merchant this county has ever known. In 1886 Mr. Miller formed a partnership with A. C. Balle and B. Brodersen and he soon after retired from active business spending his time in California. He returned to Denison some years ago and intended to build a brick building on the corner now occupied by the Denison Clothing Co. This plan fell through and he sold his interests to Messrs. Balle and Brodersen who have successfully maintained and enlarged the business which Mr. Miller founded. The death of his only son, Bennie, and of his only daughter, Hertha, saddened his life and made him retire more and more within himself. His love of Denison is shown by his gift of the site of the Carnegie library and by the act that

he has often made liberal donations for the benefit of our city. He was an extremely modest, quiet gentleman. The portrait which we publish in this issue was first used when he donated the site of the library building and we remember that he did not quite like the publicity given his generosity. He was one of the founders of the Crawford County State bank and was



J. P. MILLER

its Vice-President for many years. He was a faithful, observant and appreciative friend. Now and again word has come to us from California that our work on the Review has been appreciated by him, little expressions of approval, that have done us good and given us fresh courage. A more extended account of the life of this good and useful man will appear in our next issue. Later we learn that the funeral will be held at Los Angeles, on April 30th.

OREM GAINS THE CONTRACT

A Denison Man Underbids All Outside Firms
for the Concrete Work for the County

The board of supervisors met on Tuesday to examine the bids submitted for building two cement bridges. The board gave the contract to Mr. I. O. Orem of Denison a; \$1,562. All acknowledge he is a good cement man and it is believed he will do the work well.



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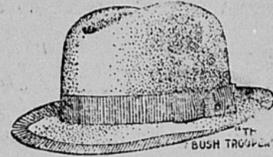
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