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## AN EARLY FIRE.

MANY LIVES ENDANGERED BUT ALL WERE RESCUED.

the North Part of Porter's Block on Winouski Avenue Gutted-The Work of Rescaing-Estimated Loss-Tenants Loss Lverything.

Fire guited a portion of the north helf of the Porter block at the corner of Pearl street and Wincoski avenue early the mornmg of the 15th and several women tenants parrowly escaped with their lives, one being taken down a ladder from a third-story ndow. The fire was discovered about 6.15 o'clock and an alarm from box 25 was sounded soon after.

people in the building, which was filled of the Maple Sugar exchange were among with smoke. On the second floor Chief the speakers. On Thursday afternoon, Murcay pushed in the door at the right of the hallway and there found Mrs. H. K. Weilman, an aged lady, and daughter, Helen M. Weilman, trying to dress themselves. Wes Weilman, trying to dress themselves. Were Weilman, was standard to the board spoke on "Modern developments in butter making," and "Winter care of Helen M. Weilman, trying to dress themselves the weight of the speakers.

selves. Mrs. Wellman was steplifed, but was able to well.

She did not want to leave the room but Chief Murray took her in his arms into Mr. O'Sullivan's residence, the daughter following. Mr. O'Sullivan woke Leiror and Cara Johnson, who occupied rooms across many means whereby we were apt to spoil bethe finger as a thermometer and the many means whereby we were apt to spoil bethe finger. were only partially dressed.

Meanwhile the Ethans, Stars, Boxers, thrown on the fire, which had made consid- sliage affects the quality of butter; I think crable progress, the flames rising from the myself it does, roof. In a short time it was under control, Mr. Vall-I believe that it is liable to room to mother very quickly. By persist—think that the ill effects sometime charged ent effort, however, and a liberal use of against ensising are due to the absorption uses and water, the last spark near the of its odor by the milk after it is drawn chimney in the roof was put out at it from the cow.

damage was done by water as by fire. At affected by oders? So'clock, when four of the streams were suspended, water stood in some of the rooms grows cycler. You can't get it away from to the depth of six inches on the second, the barn any too soon, and three inches on the third floors, and the Mr. Staiford—Can we

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the back room of Storrs' meas market. The Que east half of the second and the whole of the hay? third stories of the north half of the block.

I cut it and let it heat in the cock for a day; it seems to soften it and it may be roof fell in. The upper story and gotten in greener. I don't dry mine as roof of the building adjoining, awned by Seth Carey, were slightly damaged. The stores in the block were more or less flooded. M. L. Samborn's grocery and M. J. Hewitt's meat market, which food lacks it. Feed them bean, bone meal ing the greater part of the water. Water also made its way to E. N. Porter's rooms meet will also supply this want. on the second floor and M. H. Cormier's on the turnd floor, in the south end of the block,

doing more or less damage.

ing insurance on the block: On building, 2000; on Mr. Porter's household furniture, 8600; on Mr. Michael F. Cormier's household furniture, \$700; on stock and fixtures of George Loveland & Co., \$750.

The agency of Hickok & Bailey had insurances as follows: On building, \$1000; M. L. Sanbere, \$2000; Seth Carcy, \$800; out of George Loveland & Co., \$750; J. M. Storrs, grasses.

ESTIMATED LOSSES,

The loss on the building is estimated at about \$3000. The damage to Mr. Porter's furniture will not exceed \$300, that of Mr. Cormier's \$4.0 and that of Loveland & Co. \$300. The damage on the three latter is by smoke and water, as well as removal

The fire had undoubtedly been smoldering for some time.

THE HOMELESS LADIES INTERVIEWED.

A FREE PRESS representative interviewed the lady occupants of the block and their statements are appended. Mrs. Weliman and daughter and the Misses Johnson were Mr. L. F. Wilbur's, where, by the courtesy of Mrs. Wilbur, they will remain until suitable quarters can be secured. Mrs. Wellman said that she was partly suffocated; she and her daughter and been up 15 minutes; ber daugbter was afraid she would take cold and was trying to get some clothes on her before going out doors. some of their clothing after the fire and a portion of it can probably be made of some Their plane was not burned and as it was covered with rubber clots they hoped it was not ruined. There was no insurance on any of their goods.

Mrs. Church, who occupied rooms on the third floor, was the first to discover the fire. She arose, awake many of the others in the building, forgetting to call her own son, who is about 10 years of age, but happily he heard her rapping on the doors below and got up. She lost everything except her gold watch which was found and returned to her by a fireman. No insurance.

The Misses Johnson occupied rooms on the second flar over Mr. Storrs' meat market, where the fire probably originated. They were nearly sufficiented when they awoke; they were driven out in their night clothes, slides illustrative of these plots. few clothes, then to Mr. O'Sulli-van's and afterward to Mrs. Wilhurs's. Their clothes were not burned, but wore insured, but failed to have the policy eltered when they last moved. Miss Clara saved what money they had in the house.

Mary and Busan Gallagher, dresmakers, who occupied rooms on the third floor, lost all their clothing and most all of their formiture. During the progress of the fire some

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. Children Cry for Pitcher's Castories

which were in a mug on the bureau, and a experience made none of them sick. A number of people offered the homeless ladies as-

block, thought he would pick up his things the building. When he opened his trunk after the smoke had died away be found bis boots and shoes there.

The State Found of Agriculture held a very successful two-day farmers' institute J. W. O'Sulivan, who lives just across at Bratisburo on Thursday and Friday, the street, E. N. Forter, who owns the block, and Chief Engineer Murray were among the first to arrive and arouse the Col. G. W. Hocker, Mr. C. D. Whitman

the hall way from Mrs. Wedman's, and al-though partially sufficiently, they made used to overwork our butters in those days, their way out of the building in their night | and I know we girls were overworked, and clothes with his assistance. In the mean-time other firemen had assisted the other this line in my opinion is that the dairy tenants, Mrs. Church and son and the Gal- work has largely passed from the woman to lagher sisters, all in their night robes, to the man, and often to the creamery or Mr. O'Sullivan's nouse. Smoke gathered cheese factory. The course in methods of in the south haif of the block and forced milk handling seems to be upwards. The those living there to seek the shelter of shellow and deep settings now have to com-neighbors. It was so dense in the hallway pets with the seperator. I hope that someas to make it precarious to descend by the thing yet may be invented to handle stairway and a ladder was hoisted to the milk as theroughy and more easily window on the south end, Mrs. Cormer being helped from the building this way, while two medical students, and Misses power, but I am convinced that the separa-Florence Allen and Katie Page were as-sisted down the stairway by firemen. They One of the modern developments in this line is towards making a more uniform product. Different makes make differing grades, Barnes and Hooks were at the scene, and whereas plenty of one good grade is better, seven streams of water were soon being I want to ask Air. Vall whether frosted en-

however, though it was extinguished with hurt the milk. In fact over-feeding of great difficulty. The partitious were con- frosted or had easilage or clover, of musty structed of planed boards covered with wall corn fodder effects the product. So do paper, and the blaze made its way from one odors around the barn in general, and I

Mr. Ways-How long can milk stay in As is often the case, about twice as much | the stable after milking before it becomes

> Mr. Vail-It absorbs more quickly as it Mr. Stafford-Can we dispense with such

stairway was transformed into a small grain foods as bran, which we can't raise but have to buy, if we use roots or on-

stove in the back room of J. M. Storrs' Mr. Vall-No sir. Bran contains proment market, while others contend that it teine, which roots and ensurage largely lack. caught from a defective flue. It is probable A balanced ration must contain both pro-that the former view of it is correct. The teine, the flesh forming, and carbohydrates, work of destruction was the most complete the heat forming constituents. To get rid around the chimney, the fire spreading as it progressed upward.

On the fire was confined to too rich or too poor a ration.

Question- How do you curs your clover

What's the value of white top grass?

The agency of T. S. Peck had the follow- is like early June grass, one has a head like in your mawings in the fall, both will be the sprawling out grass and a third a head the better for it. Grain tuem well,

> Mr. Vait-We call some of these grasses cow would get as much actual nutriment twins? As for raising twins I think one out of hem cok sawdust as from these

The singing of the Protective Grange choir, of Miss Goodenough and Mrs. Sprague of Brattleboro and Mr. Miller of Dummermeeting, which in many respects were the best held by the board this year.

"Diseases of Potatoes" Discussed by Frof. Jones at the Shoreham Meeting. The State Board of Agriculture held a two days' institute at Shoreham in Addison county the latter part of last week. Among

the speakers was Prof. L. H. Jones of the University of Vermont, who lectured on diseases of potatoes, illustrating his remarks by the use of the stereopticon.

He said that there were three important potato diseasas in Vermont, the true blight, the scan and a new disease which might be called the early blight.

The first two are caused by fungus growths, the third seems to be due to the work of both fungi and bacteria. For the first two we possess more or less prac-tical remedies, and investigations looking toward the checking of the latter are already under way and will form the main ine of botanical research at the Emperiment station during the coming summer.

During the past three years the spraying of a fungicide upon the potators to check the true or later blight has increased the crops in round numbers 80, 75 and 200 bushels per acre, worth from \$15 to \$150 per acre. The cost of spraying an acre varies from 75 cents to \$3 for materials and 50 cents for In the work at the Experiment Station during the past summer three appayings were made, July 30, August 13 and 25 the field being divided into 16 plots some of which received no treatment what ever, the others receiving various treat-

ment At this point the speaker showed lantern going to Mr. Porter's, where they got a as striking as any were of two adjoining as atriking as any were of two adjoining plots, one untreated, the other well sprayed taken in the middle of September, the one badly water sonked. They had their goods living green, the first yielding about 100, the latter 500 bushels of marketable tubers

> ner acre. One source of less usually underestimated is too shortened crop from the early killing of the tops. It is cafe to say that from a quarter to a third of the potato crop in weight of tubers grown after August 20,

one piled the bed clothing on top of the saw- and often after September 1. This is illusing machine and that was not burned. They trated well by a couple of last summar's recovered one five and four one dollar bills plots above instanced. The ansprayed plots yielded at the rate of 100 bushels of sound purse with some change in it. The thrilling | markstable tubers per acre and 20 bushels It is reported that one of the medical ten times that from checking the rot, a way obtained a m students rooming in the south half of the gain made entirely after August 1 and most- or chair cushion. ly after August 15.

appears, say about July 80, followed by a fortnight. The spraying may be done in connected with the institution, did all with-a small and imperiest way by use of a pail in his or her power to extinguish the flames a fortnight. The spraying may be done in and bronm, or by a watering pot, but bet- and save the immates, and they find, as the ter by a force pump on a barrel with hose and nozzle. The knap-ack sprayer does good work but consumes man power.

next, or proximate, cause, a condition of things not in keeping with an enlightened age or in harmony with our duties to the good work but consumes man power.

The scab is caused by a fungus growth upon the tuber. It appears as a peculiar Investigations shows that scabby seed produces a scabby crop; that clean, disease—
free tubers will raise a clean crop. ducas a scabby crop; that clean, disease— sane into wooden structures which almost free tubers will raise a clean crop, provided invite the devouring element, but the black the ground year after year; that scabby pota- our people, to which there is no answer. ing disease to the soil it is used upon; that beets, turnips, etc., will catch the disease; and that if scabby potatoes are soaked in a weak solution of corrosive sublimate the germs are killed and the potatoes safe to use for seed on undiseased ground and with undiseased manure.

The State Board of Agriculture held institutes last week at Addison and Scorebam in Addison county. The Addison meeting closed Wednesday evening, was well attended and much interest was shown. Wednesday morning Mr. Arms of the Board spoke on "Sheep husbandry" saying that he was a believer in mixed farming for most of our farmers, depending on market, location, individual qualifications, the thousand and one things that go to make up the problem. There is no class of workers which needs versatility of talent, ingenuity and skill that the farmer does. He should be chemist, botanist, lawyer, manufacturer and should be endowed with the Lest of common sense and a good wife to be successful. I believe in a moderate sized dairy, a little "horse dairy," and a few sheep can be kept also to good advantage. They take less work and care, less every day wear and tear than any other farm property. Profits are not as large as they have been or ought to be, yet they generally pay, particularly if they be mutton sheep. With ordinary luck and management a man may approx. mate 50 per cent profit from a small Compare this with the tens of thousands of cows kept at a loss in this State.

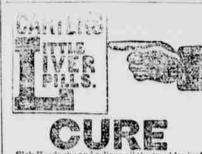
If the far West could raise clothing wool sheep, I would not stand here to advocate the bracking of such sheep, but it cannot. They deteriorate, the wool becomes harsh and the animal less valuable and a great field is open for Vermonters to raise rams to sell West and elsewhere for breeding purposes. This is a fast developing industry and our grand children will not be able to supply the d -mend. The crossing of mutton sheep upon merinos produces an excellent animal in a decidedly and, if not too many are put in, do not interfere with the cows.

I have in years past made Cotswolds my pets. I had the largest flock in New England and as many flocks of sheep. They have no herding qualities. I imported So Conswolds in 1870 and took them to Nav Mexico to cross on the Spanish merinos of that country. They produce at most about three pounds of wool speice yearly. My

eross makes a fine flock of middle sheen Sheep help our pastures and our pursus and Mr. Vall-It is pretty poor stuff whether the profitable early lambs our palates and Mr. Wheeler-There are three kinds of too long for they are not good for fattoning the sprawling out grass and a third a head like orchard grass. Early cut some of bushel of grain fed in the fall is worth two KICKAPCO INDIAN Investin Central Real Estate in growing cities them are food, but late cut all are very fed in the winter to fatten lambs, but start in gradually. I grain my sheep every day they are in the barn; have tried to go with poverty grass, and I versly believe that a out with ill success. Would you raise good lamb is better than two poor ones,

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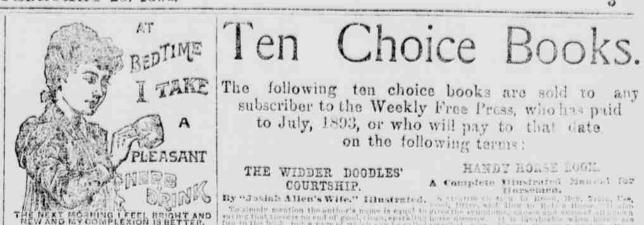
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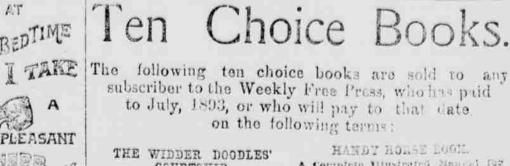


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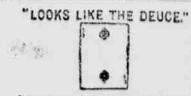
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