

ALARMING FIRE SUNDAY

Conflagration Wipes Out Three Business Places on First Street S. E.

An alarm was turned in shortly before 11 o'clock Sunday night for a fire which proved to be the biggest one this city has witnessed since the paper mill burned down several years ago. This fire started in the Dana Brown barn from an unknown cause, and spread so rapidly, pushed by a heavy breeze from the south, that for a time it had fair to sweep a large portion of the business section clear down to the river. The alarm had hardly been turned in before the whole barn was enveloped in flames. James Brown and two others had taken the horses out and pulled out a buggy, however, before the fire department arrived on the scene. When it was seen what sort of a fire the department had to deal with, a general alarm was given, a Pine Tree Lumber company hose company also responding, and seven streams of water were turned on the conflagration, which in the meantime had extended to the F. A. Nelson studio and the J. W. Berg hardware store.

It was at first thought that the Berg hardware store could be saved, but when the fire caught onto the shed back of Nelson's building and then to some gasoline and pitch, which was kept in it, the flames caught so persistently on the Berg building and created so intense a heat that the firemen could not get to an advantageous position to fight the fire back from the hardware store. Another thing which put the firemen at an extreme disadvantage in fighting the fire, was their knowledge that there was upwards of 200 pounds of dynamite buried in the ground between the Nelson studio and the Berg building. As it was the firemen climbed on top of the Berg building and did their utmost to keep the flames from gaining on them on this building, but to no avail, the streams of water going up in steam before it could reach any vital point. When it became apparent that this building was also doomed, a number of interested spectators got busy and helped save a number of stoves, firearms and bullets and a show case containing knives, etc.

The fight was then made to confine the conflagration to these three buildings, and thus save the business section which was threatened at every minute. It can be said to the credit of the fire department that the firemen did splendid work. Several times blazing pieces of timbers fell on the wooden buildings back of the Simonet store and started blazes on them, but each time a stream of water was played on it and extinguished. Fire brands were carried as far as the lumber yards, and the Pine Tree called out its hose companies. It was not until between two or three hours strenuous work on the part of the firemen before the fire was gotten into control, and then but a very badly burned corner of the hardware building was left to stand. The other two buildings were burned to the ground.

Mesdames Wm. Tonn and Wm. Batters report seeing three men go into the Dana Brown barn some time before fire broke out in the building. The men remained some time in the barn and then were seen to go out again. Not more than a half hour had elapsed after their departure before flames broke out on every side of the barn.

Besides the barn, Dana Brown's loss includes a number of sleds, some harnesses and other supplies. He states the insurance will cover his loss fairly well. A bus belonging to the Buckman hotel was also destroyed with the barn.

F. A. Nelson suffered the total loss of his studio, with entire contents, not so much as one picture being saved. Besides this he lost his horse, which was stabled in a shed back of his studio, and two buggies. He carried \$400 on the building, \$500 on contents, and \$200 on horse and buggies. Mr. Nelson stated that his heaviest loss is in the destruction of from 25,000 to 30,000 negatives, which he had on hand, dating as far back as the time when E. A. Boyce conducted a gallery here. Then there was a large amount of work completed but not yet called for. Mr. Nelson expects to start up in his elegant building on Broadway next Saturday, having returned Wednesday night from purchasing his new office fixtures and supplies.

J. W. Berg lost the heaviest in this fire. He estimates his loss at \$20,000, which is partially covered by insurance. Mr. Berg carried \$9,000 on his stock and \$3,000 on the building. Very little was saved from the building, other than above mentioned. Mr. Berg will start up another hardware store in the Moeglein building, until recently occupied by the H. B. Tuttle & Son book store, and will be ready for business at an early date.

The Pine Tree Lumber company deserves the thanks of the citizens of this city for the timely help they extended at this fire in the way of furnishing additional pressure through the water main, and sending one of their hose companies to help fight the fire.

BEAUTY IN COINAGE DETERIORATED.

It is a strange fact that as the world has progressed in every other department of life the one dominating factor of the globe, money, has deteriorated in design, in beauty of idea and cleverness of execution. Another strange fact well worth remembering is that golden grain belt beer is in reality a harmless temperance beverage, and if drunk to the exclusion of everything else, including tea or coffee, would contribute to the health of humanity—purify its blood, build its muscle and strengthen its nerves. Order of your nearest dealer or be supplied by E. S. Tanner, Little Falls.

The lobby of the local postoffice is now closed Sunday afternoons between the hours of 2 and 7 o'clock, to conform to a recent ruling of the postoffice department. This will leave the lobby open on Sunday from 8 a. m. to 2 p. m. and from 7 to 8 p. m. General delivery and carriers' windows open from 12:30 to 1:30 p. m.

SWANVILLE

Oct. 7.—Joseph Bielman returned from Glendive, Montana, Wednesday, where he has been working as cook on a large irrigating ditch crew.

Ben Taylor and wife of Swan River were pleasant callers here Wednesday. Otto Rhoda is erecting a new barn in south Swanville.

Mesdames Strong and Simpson of Laporte arrived here Tuesday and went out to Bruce to visit their mother, Mrs. Dewane Morrill. Fred Thoms returned home Wednesday from Wheaton, where he has been employed this fall.

Frank Eldred returned from Glenwood Thursday. Miss Abbie Chambers was a Little Falls visitor Thursday.

Mrs. Irvin went to Sauk Centre Friday, where she will visit a few days.

William Churchill returned to Glenwood Friday. He expects to be able to return to work as switchman in about a month. Mrs. Churchill returned home Monday.

Rev. Hudson Dean, of the Episcopal church and Rev. G. E. Platte, rector of the Little Falls church, held services in the Congregational church Thursday evening and established a mission here.

Dr. Storey of Grey Eagle was here on business Friday. Mrs. Wise, who was operated on for appendicitis at Grey Eagle last week, was brought here Saturday and taken to Pillsbury to the home of her mother, Mrs. Green.

Miss Freda Mielke was a Little Falls visitor Saturday. Mr. Osborne of Waterville, Minn., was the guest of his brother, William Osborne at Pillsbury last week.

George Balmer returned from Duluth last week, where he has spent the summer, having charge of a pavilion at a summer resort near here.

Miss Rice of Sauk Centre is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Pennie, this week. Albert Rhoda and wife of Long Prairie and Miss Rhoda of Lester Prairie were visiting at the home of Johns last Sunday.

Father Wilkins of Birch Lake came down Saturday and held services here Sunday. Mrs. Dahlke was a Villard visitor Thursday of last week.

Rev. Barkow went to Villard Saturday, where he held services Sunday, returning Monday.

N. L. Nelson went to Mispaugh, Minn., Saturday to see about his claim up there, returning home Monday.

Chas. Debolt of Long Prairie was at Long Prairie and a Swanville visitor Monday.

Father Wilkins of Birch Lake bought the driving team of Dr. Campbell on Monday.

The Catholic church will hold a fair and auction here Monday, Oct. 12th, and will serve meals all day and evening.

Elmer Zarnes and Ed. Larson returned Monday from Sanborn, N. D., where they have been working this season.

Dr. Kinney, dentist of Wadena, paid this town a professional visit Monday and Tuesday.

Mack Hall and family arrived here from Oakes, N. D., Monday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hall. James Hall has removed to the Harrington place they recently rented.

The fire department held their regular meeting Monday evening. Adam Getters of Canada visited his uncle, W. J. Sullivan, and family here over Sunday.

Mr. Robbins of Albert Lee was here on business this week. While here he sold forty acres of land to Ole Hedlin. J. D. Stith and wife, and daughter, Myrtle, were Little Falls visitors Tuesday.

Miss Karlin and Mrs. Harwood of Burtrum were Swanville visitors Tuesday.

George Parks departed Tuesday for New Salem, N. D., where he will be a week looking after his land interests there.

Monday, Oct. 12th, is market day and the merchants are preparing for a large number of people to visit our town. They are offering prizes for the best exhibits of grains, potatoes, onions, corn, live stock, etc. A large number of politicians will be present and Hon. Andrew J. Gilkinson of Osakis, Chas. E. Vasaly and others will give addresses in the afternoon. The democratic county band of Little Falls and the Juvenile band will furnish music.

Dr. Machie of Maynard, Minn., decided to locate here and he is expected here Saturday.

SULLIVAN LAKE

Oct. 3.—John Britton of Vineland returned from Dakota Saturday last. T. S. Look and A. W. Cook were at Little Falls on business Tuesday to Thursday.

Miss Mable Sims visited Mrs. C. E. Look Thursday. Mrs. Gina Endahl and cousin, Miss Clara Porventsky, visited Mrs. Ford and daughter Thursday.

Mrs. L. P. Ford was the guest of Mrs. Even Christianson of Pulaski on Thursday and Friday of this week. Mrs. D. W. Sims and daughter, Miss Mable, drove to Pierz Friday.

Ray Sims is expected home soon. The grader will soon be at work on the mail route to Sullivan.

C. C. Look has kalsomined the school house and cleared the grounds around it, all in fine shape, and no danger of fire now.

The culverts and bridge are all broken down and need repairing badly from Sullivan east to the school house. Albert Lynn came home from the Dakotas Thursday last. He sold his team and also filed a homestead claim at Dickinson, N. D., and bought a quarter section of farm land. He will go out there to live in the spring.

Misses Naomi and Maggie Adkins were Lake callers Saturday. Miss Lucy Lynn visited with Mrs. Ford and daughter a short time Saturday.

Geo. Waller's folks gave a party this evening.

News has been received here by friends, to the effect that Mrs. J. C. Carley of St. Paul, formerly a resident of this city, suffered a serious attack of paralysis last Saturday. She has been removed to a hospital and is showing signs of recovering.

SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES

Neighboring Towns Experience Conflagrations Latter Part of Last Week

The towns of Jenkins, Foley and Grey Eagle experienced some very heavy losses through fire on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of last week respectively. In Jenkins, which is a small town on the M. & I., the fire started in the saloon of Burchitt & Bennish in the night and burned both this building, which was fully covered by insurance, and the J. L. Bowan building occupied by the store of W. P. Locke, burned to the ground.

The fire at Foley originated in the John Hoffman building early in the morning, and owing to inadequate fire protection nearly half the business section of that town was destroyed before the bucket brigade, which was formed to fight the fire more effectively, could get it under control. The Hoffman building, the Patka warehouse, the Patka saloon, Patke home, Patke building occupied by the Cobb creamery station, a machinery hall, the John Rea building occupied by Huber & Strand, milliners, the Archied Parent flour and feed store, and the August Wrazer saloon were totally destroyed, and the State Bank of Foley, the Latterall Bros.' store, the Varner Bros.' building, and the Dr. Leech block were partially burned, while the windows of the opposite side of the street were broken from the intense heat. The total loss is estimated at about \$25,000, partially covered by insurance.

The Grey Eagle fire was also an early morning fire. It originated in the John Roberts meat market and had spread all over that building when the alarm was turned in. The wind spread it to the neighboring buildings and before the fire could be checked it had burned the meat market, the G. A. Southard general store, the P. B. Scott confectionery store and the telephone exchange. Insurance on the buildings and stock will cover a little better than half the loss. About the time of the fire, burglars entered two saloons of that place, securing over \$100 in one, and a few dollars in the other.

WEYERHAEUSER CANOE TRIP.

Virginia, Minn., Oct. 3.—Piloted by Frank H. Gilmore, superintendent of logging for the Weyerhaeuser interests in this section, R. M. and Charles Weyerhaeuser, H. C. Hornby, J. F. Wilson, J. C. Campbell, George F. Lundsay and John Chisholm, all prominently identified with the Weyerhaeuser lumber interests, have returned from a very enjoyable cruise in canoes in the northern part of the state. The party started considerably over a week ago and returned to their respective homes this week.

WEST HOTEL CHANGES HANDS.

A deal was completed last Friday between J. L. Stoltz, and Frank Hughes of North Dakota, whereby the latter becomes the new proprietor of the West hotel. Mr. Hughes is an experienced man in hostelry, having been in that line in North Dakota for twenty years. Mr. Stoltz will probably make his future home in Ohio.

SCHOOL TAX LEVIED.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of education was held Thursday evening of last week at the high school building, all members, with the exception of T. C. Gordon, being present. After allowing a number of bills, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

Resolved, that the following amounts be raised and levied upon the taxable property of the Independent School District of Little Falls, Minnesota, for the year 1908.

Teachers' wages.....	\$17,000.00
Interest on bonds.....	2,000.00
Sinking fund.....	1,000.00
Total.....	\$20,000.00
Bills allowed:	
H. E. White, labor, stamps, etc.....	\$ 14.84
W. H. Ryan, hardware.....	20.60
Bostwell Goodrich Co., blinds.....	29.04
Ginn & Co., books.....	10.50
D. C. Heath & Co., books.....	8.00
Silver Barette & Co., books.....	4.00
Dana Brown, freight & dray.....	8.82
M. Jansen, draying.....	1.00
G. R. Anderson, Mdee.....	1.90
John Vertin, insurance.....	19.50
Signor & Schallern, same.....	16.50
Neis N. Berghelm, same.....	19.50
J. W. Crossfield, same.....	16.50
Gerald W. Massey, same.....	58.50
J. H. Love, work.....	1.50
Ernest Steiner, work.....	.90
Andrew Molde, repairing seats.....	4.41
M. Denis, hardware.....	1.10
Transcript Pub. Co., printing.....	52.50
T. J. Martin, painting, etc.....	630.25
Little Falls Plumbing and Cycle Co., fire escapes.....	514.20
H. B. Tuttle & Co., supplies.....	11.36
Morrison Lumber Co., lumber.....	6.37

TIMBER LOSSES EXAGGERATED.

L. W. Ayer of Belle Prairie, who was sent out by the state forestry commission to inspect the district covered by the recent forest fires, has reported to Gen. Andrews that the timber losses on the Iron Range have been exaggerated to considerable extent. His investigations so far show that timber loss is a great deal less than the amount that was destroyed in 1894.

A Bryan and Johnson Club has been formed at St. Cloud with a good membership. The club expects to make an active canvass for their candidates.

J. Van Loon, Archie Rivetts and Raymond Brick returned from a hunting trip Sunday, bringing back fine specimens of the feathery tribe of the Rice Lake country.

While under the influence of liquor George Foldinski of Pike Creek drove into a light buggy with his heavy wagon late Saturday afternoon, tearing the top and seat off. The buggy was occupied by a woman at the time and she made complaint against him. He was put in the city hall cooler, but later was released. He settled up for the damage done, and the matter was dropped.

Arrangements are being made by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Freeman of St. Cloud to bring suit against N. P. Clarke, also of that place, for the recovery to the T. C. McClure estate of several thousand dollars. It is claimed that the amount is due for some valuable timber land, in which it is stated T. C. McClure had a half interest, but for which, when sold, the estate was not credited.

ATTENDANCE AT THE ST. CLOUD NORMAL IS LIMITED.

The Normal board, at its meeting on Sept. 18th, passed a resolution, limiting the size of the St. Cloud school. It was found that the number in attendance was too great for present accommodations. No more new students

will, therefore, be admitted before Dec. 1st, the beginning of a new term.

At that time, a limited number may be taken, but will be admitted in the order of application, former students of the school being given the preference.

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Round steak.....	10c a lb.	Head cheese..... 3 lbs. for 25c
Spring chickens.....	12c a lb.	Hamburger steak.... 3 lbs. for 25c
Spring fowls.....	10c a lb.	

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