

RUGBY GAZETTE.

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THE WEATHER.

REPORT OF TEMPERATURE FOR RUGBY, TENN.

Date	Max. Temp.	Min. Temp.	Dry Bulb.	Wet Bulb.	Rainfall (inches)
Oct. 10	79	54	70	66	...
" 11	78	57	63	59	...
" 12	81	53	69	65	...
" 13	78	52	66	62	...
" 14	72	51	58	54	...
" 15	68	34	55	50	...
" 16	73	31	58	57	...

*Readings taken at 6 p.m., Railroad time
Average Temp. for past week - 61.5
Rainfall (inches) " " " " " " "

C. ONDERDONK.

BIRTH.

SKENE—At Rugby, on Wednesday, the wife of Chas. Skene, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

ARMSTRONG—OLIVER. At Brooksburg, Ind., on Thursday last, Chas. Armstrong, late of Rugby, to Miss Annie Oliver of Brooksburg, Ind. May prosperity attend them.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

NOTICE.

Owing to the Laundry, being burnt with the Hotel, it will for the present open up in the house formerly occupied by Lumley and Mallory's store.

Mr. Patchin near Glad's has recently lost one of his children a little girl from dysentery.

We ask our readers to excuse the lateness of this issue on account of the fire, Thursday, delaying us.

Mr. Lyons of Skene, supplies Rugby with choice mutton and occasionally excellent beef. Look out for him every Saturday.

Messrs Potbury and Miller are now enjoying the quiet delights of star-gazing—and will have that pleasure until their new roof is completed. They are improving their upper story. Would that we all could do likewise!

We call the attention of land and property owners to the advertisement of our friend Mr. C. S. Moore which appears in another column. Mr. Moore has been long resident in Rugby, and has a reputation for integrity and courtesy that will we are sure speak for him a large share of public patronage.

Jack Frost has paid in his earliest visit on Wednesday and Thursday last. A reference to the tables compiled by Mr. C. Onderdonk will give the curious, the intensity of his nip.

A large party from New River, visited Rugby on Monday last, and returned home on Tuesday afternoon.

When horses, hacks, buggies etc., are required, Mr. Baldwin will be happy to supply the demand and will guarantee satisfaction. Mr. Baldwin is the proprietor of the Rugby Road hack line, and has carried the mails for some time. Mr. Baldwin is deservedly popular and deserves every encouragement.

Mr. Alex. Parker of Helenwood one of the political opponents of our friend Mr. Giles, in the fight for the Legislative Seat at Nashville, was in town last Wednesday.

A CARD.

Board of Aid Office, Rugby, Oct. 17, '84.

To Editor of Rugby Gazette:

Allow me, through the medium of the columns of your paper, to express the feeling of deep obligation under which I am laid, by the most noble, most praiseworthy, and most indelible efforts of the citizens of Rugby and its neighborhood during the fire of yesterday, in saving the furniture and effects of the ill-fated Tabard, and of the sympathy manifested on all sides. Especially allow me to recognize most cordially the valuable assistance that was rendered by the ladies, all of whom, I am sure must have felt severely on the following day, the effects of their protracted labors; also permit me to thank the householders of Rugby for the very handsome manner in which they offered to accommodate the guests and visitors at the Tabard. To all who by their prompt and noble endeavors, contributed to lessen the effect of Thursday's disaster, I return, on behalf of the Board and myself, our very heartiest thanks.
R. WALTON.

Great Conflagration.

The Tabard In Flames.

The Entire Pile of Buildings Reduced to Ashes.

Thursday, Oct. 16, records the most terrible disaster that has happened in the village of Rugby, Tenn. The Hotel Tabard, the far famed hostelry now lies a heap of smouldering ruins. It appears, the first indications of fire, were discovered by Willy Gatrell, who directed the attention of Arthur Dyer and Henry Oldfield to smoke that was apparently issuing from the cupola at Eastern extremity of the Hotel. The boys rushed up to the roof, and finding it on fire, at once gave the alarm to Mr. Jefferson the landlord of the Hotel. At this moment Mr. G. P. Rogers who had been at work at the garden belonging to Mr. C. P. Dixon came tearing in on the same errand, and with Mr. Jefferson rushed immediately to the cupola with buckets of water to put out the fire.

They reached the spot with difficulty, only to find, the attic one mass of seething flame. The volumes of smoke, and the intense heat, drove them back immediately. By this time the alarm had spread like wild-fire, and assistance came in hot haste from every quarter. Mr. Walton, and the officials of the Board of Aid being amongst the first arrivals. The situation was comprehended in a moment, and the efforts of a most enthusiastic band of workers, were directed to save the furniture, as all hope of saving the buildings was seen to be unavailing. As the buildings with the exception of the chimneys, are entirely wooden structures with shingle roofs, and being as dry as tinder, the flames spread with frightful rapidity, so that the utmost celerity was required to save the furniture. Quick as thought the hotel was emptied of its inmates, the cases thrown up, beds, mattresses, bedding, chairs, tables, mirrors, cheffoniers, bureaus, carpets, piano, etc., hurried to the front, passed down the staircases, or lowered from the windows; outside shutters were unshipped, doors, taken from their hinges, the safe whisked into the street, and the glass doors unscrewed and dragged away:—meanwhile

"The deaf and frantic fire,
Leaping higher, higher, higher
With a desperate endeavor"

to clasp the building in its hot embrace, swished as the rain-storm on the mountains—crackled, like "the car rattling o'er the stony street,"—and roared as the ocean when it shatters its furrowed waters on the floors of its rocky caverns. Back from the upper corridors, where the plaster fell like red-hot hail,—back from the fiery timbers and falling roof, along the burning staircase the sweat-bathed volunteers were driven in headlong flight into the corridors below. Every room, with the exception of the one occupied by Mr. M. Boyle, was visited, and its contents removed. Mr. Boyle's room could not be reached and, it is believed, everything belonging to that gentleman is destroyed.

Already the principal part of the furniture of the various rooms had been removed; the heat became intense, almost insupportable, but like the helmsman on Lake Erie, each man stuck to his post, worked like a Titan, bravely held on, till everything was taken away and placed outside of the building. In the meantime, those who were without were not idle: as quickly as the furniture was placed outside it was removed to a place of security. The entire building was now one mass of flames that licked the air, sixty feet high and convoluted in resplendent masses of flame. So great was the heat at this moment, that the piano, and other furniture, situated at the extreme end of the picket fence opposite the front of the hotel was scorched into blisters; and, to protect those who attempted to remove it beyond the railings, Mr. Walton, with a huge door on his back, stood in front as a protecting shield. The roof of the Laundry now caught fire, and in a few moments was wrapped in lurid billowy flames, towering high above the trees, and unfolding them in withering fire. Fortunately there was but a slight

breeze from the West, or it would have been impossible to have saved the neighboring property. For a few moments, the residence of Mr. J. R. Lumley, was in danger, and parties mounted the verandah and roof, to be in readiness for any emergency. Happily the measures taken to prevent the spread of the fire were successful and soon that danger passed away. The fire was discovered about 9 A.M., and so quickly did the work of destruction go on, that by 11 A.M. the complete suite of buildings lay in smoking ruins: the four brick chimneys alone remaining, two of which fell in the course of the day. The householders of Rugby generously offered temporary accommodation to the guests of the Hotel, but, as the Newbury House was at once re-opened, the hospitality was declined with appreciative courtesy.

The work of removing the salvage was immediately begun, and the bulk of the furniture, bedding etc., was taken to the building now occupied by the Canning Company, who kindly offered their premises for storage. The remainder went to the Newbury Hotel. By six P.M. almost the entire property of the Board was safely stored away; and on the following morning everything was removed. It is a source of surprise, that so much was saved, and with so little damage. It would be invidious to individualize, where all worked with such hearty good will, and therefore strenuously, the proof of the good work is seen in the quantity of stuff secured, and the condition in which it may be found. It is a matter of great thankfulness that no accident of any kind occurred. Had it happened during the night, no one could have retold what the result might have been. This occurrence has shown the material of which Rugbians are made: At the call of duty or humanity they can "Dare all that may become a man" and do it at a run. This disaster will not materially affect the prosperity of Rugby; it will necessarily cause very considerably inconvenience, and is for the moment a stunning blow. The Hotel was an extremely popular building with the inhabitants, and with the guests, who spent some portion of their summer holiday in Rugby. Its broad and cool verandahs, were a source of continuous delight; and very many who under their grateful shade, enjoyed the sweets of literature, or the charm of sparkling conversation and brilliant repartee, will hear of their destruction with considerable regret. The Hotel Tabard enjoyed a growing reputation for the home-like character of its arrangements. Its spacious staircase and corridors, with abundant facilities for ventilation rendered its bearous airy and cool, while its quiet surroundings ensured a comfortable night's repose. In this particular it was in marked contrast with the city hotels of Cincinnati or Chattanooga. It possessed a charm especially its own, arising from the peculiar advantages of its surroundings and the arrangements that existed for the comfort of strangers. It was an exceedingly well-built building of beautiful exterior, set on a stone foundation heavily timbered, and plastered throughout.

It is fortunate that the loss has come upon the village now, rather than in the Spring or Summer months, when naturally, visitors are more numerous than in the Fall and Winter. Mr. A. L. Ross the late proprietor was quite unable to meet the demands made upon him for accommodation, and consequently visitors were compelled to seek their pleasure elsewhere. We understand the buildings are partially insured but the loss to the Board of Aid is very considerable. Great sympathy is felt for the present proprietor Mr. C. W. Jefferson, who had but lately undertaken the running of the Hotel. Besides the loss of business which the fire necessarily entails, Mr. Jefferson has lost upwards of \$200 worth of provisions, besides other personal property. His behaviour under this trying ordeal was most praiseworthy and his almost super human strength was tested to its utmost limit. We are requested to announce that the Newbury Boarding House, is reopened, under Mr. Jefferson's management, and every effort will be made to meet all requirements of visitors to Rugby and its neighborhood.

Sweet Potatoes are now selling in Rugby for fifty cents per bushel; This is the lowest figures they have been known to reach for some time.

Our worthy postmaster Mr. Tucker informs us, that there, has been an unusual amount of postal notes, money orders etc., sent out and received through this office during the past two or three weeks.

The hog question is again seriously agitating the public mind. It is certainly hard to have the fascinating hog shot for trespassing, and still harder to have the succulent vegetable rooted up. Is there no remedy?

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

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Time Table, in Effect May 11, '84

Cincinnati and points North.

Trains Northbound—	Fast Daily	Time	Fast Mail Daily
Les. Rugby Road	11:18 p. m.		9:40 a. m.
Arr. Somerset	1:40 a. m.		11:45 "
Arr. Lexington	4:20 "		2:40 p. m.
Arr. Cincinnati	7:16 "		5:25 "
Trains Southbound—			
Les. Cincinnati	8:50 p. m.		8:30 a. m.
Lve. Lexington	11:30 "		11:40 "
Arr. Somerset	2:20 a. m.		2:40 p. m.
Arr. Rugby Road	4:35 "		5:16 "

Chattanooga, Birmingham, Meridian, Vicksburg
New Orleans and all points South.

Trains Southbound—	Fast Daily	Time	Fast Mail Daily
Les. Rugby Road	4:35 a. m.		5:16 p. m.
Arr. Oakdale	5:30 "		6:20 "
Arr. Chattanooga	8:10 "		9:25 "
Arr. Birmingham	8:15 p. m.		2:35 a. m.
Arr. Meridian	10:20 "		4:40 "
Arr. New Orleans	6:00 "		4:10 "
Trains Northbound—			
Lve. New Orleans	10:00 p. m.		11:00 a. m.
Arr. Meridian	5:20 a. m.		7:15 p. m.
Arr. Birmingham	12:25 p. m.		12:30 a. m.
Arr. Chattanooga	7:30 "		5:30 "
Arr. Oakdale	10:10 "		8:40 "
Arr. Rugby Road	11:18 "		9:40 "

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