



MONDAY EDITION.

The Heart of East Las Vegas Torn Out by the Fire Friend.

We suffer the scourge that overtakes all Western Towns.

In one short hour two hundred thousand dollars are swallowed up.

What is going to be done by those who were burned out.

PROBABLE LOSSES.

What the sufferers intend to do

Yesterday a GAZETTE reporter sought out and talked with most of the business men who lost from Saturday's conflagration. They all seemed to be in good cheer and consider that the present calamity will be a future benefit. They consider now, that all adobe buildings will be built on that block, that the ground is now worth as much as before the wooden buildings were destroyed.

Some cannot tell what their losses will amount to yet, but estimate their losses as follows:

Ward & Tamme \$4,500, above insurance.

Levy, Cohn & Co., about \$9,500 total loss, which is about \$3,000 above insurance.

N. L. Rosenthal, estimated at \$9,000.

R. C. Richmond, above insurance, \$1,500.

Berthoff, Center street theatre, \$4,000, no insurance.

Rupe & Castle, between \$9,000 and \$10,000.

Hilty Bros, about \$600.

E. W. Selben, \$100.

Hopper Bros, above insurance \$1,500.

J. A. Mackley, \$4,000, total loss.

John Flinn, barber, \$100.

Herbert, druggist, \$1,500.

Malboeff, saddler, \$1,600, over insurance.

Marens & Clemm lost heavily, but to what extent was not learned.

Rathbone saved all his stock; Marble lost his entire stock, no insurance; Holzman lost heavily, but as yet is not able to estimate the amount.

Many others lost more or less, but no definite amount can be settled upon.

Hopper Bros' adobe warehouse came through all right, and it is now full to overflowing, and they will continue to sell right along.

All are preparing to build again. Contracts for adobes are being let every hour. Ward & Tamme will be ready for business by the end of the week. Rupe & Castle are ready for business in a little house near their plating mill. Hilty & Mackley are going ahead the same as if nothing had happened. Overalls has a house half done. Two houses went up on the burnt block yesterday. The sun sank on a busy bustling army of men and will rise this morning on thrice the number. The ruins will cease to smolder and a new block of fine buildings spring into existence.

During the excitement attending the fire some ridiculous things happened. Mr. Holzman caught a Chinaman by the "pig-tail" and liked to have jerked his head off. Some fellow got'ered up about two bushels of pop-corn balls and carried them out of danger. Another man picked up three or four brooms and carried them around on his shoulder. A man came out of one of the stores with a large mirror smashed all to pieces and did not know it until it was safely deposited in the street.

EDITOR GAZETTE:

We desire to make it public that we are under many obligations to the heroic volunteers who by their timely, efficient and untiring exertions which prevented the fire-head from getting a hold on our warehouse and store. As good work was done at other points of danger also, and these well directed and prompt measures saved all the surrounding property. We think nothing that could be saved was neglected, and that all interested are disposed, as we are, to give credit and praise to the disinterested vol-

unteers as well as to the friends and neighbors interested with us who now have the satisfaction of knowing that they have saved a large amount of valuable property.

Respectfully, BROWNE & MANZANARES.

J. W. Barney opened his restaurant in the Optic block yesterday. It will now be known as the Optic restaurant. Mr. Barney has also built a house 22x12 for the accommodation of those burnt out of house and home in Saturday's fire.

Harry Hercules was the name of the man who done such efficient work on the Hilty block during the fire. He is an old hand at the business and was not afraid to work. He belonged to engine No. 14, St. Louis, in 1868-9, and also to the Fisher Boys Hose company, Denver, from 1876 to 1879. He did a great deal of good and the thanks of the people are due him.

Messrs. Mackley and Hilty are now prepared to feed all their old customers at Hilty's old stand, where his store has been heretofore. Give them a call.

Capt. Hutten, Capt. J. W. Barney and Eli Hilt deserve credit for the effective part they took in trying to stop the flames and also in saving goods. A few more such cool heads would have affected much during such an excitement.

Mrs. Kobi, Hopper lost a valuable gold watch and chain in the fire of Saturday evening.

Mr. O. V. Crowell, one of the young men who worked so nobly at Saturday's fire, was for some time a member of Hooks 2, of Denver, the company that won the laurels in the late state tournament of Colorado.

The Meeting.

Yesterday the business men of Las Vegas assembled at Baca Hall for the purpose of taking steps towards securing water works and organizing a fire company. A good attendance was had and all seemed imbued with the necessity of accomplishing something in that direction. Mr. L. P. Browne was chosen chairman of the meeting and R. A. Kistler, secretary.

W. P. Shupp, was called on, and stated the object of the meeting.

Messrs. Hilt, McLung, Wheelock, J. Rosenwald and others, made remarks concerning the business in hand and discussed the most economical and effective method of protecting the city against the repetition of such a dire calamity as has just befallen it. A motion by Maj. Morrison was carried that a committee of seven be appointed to take the matter under consideration, and correspond with eastern manufacturers as to the price of engines, etc., and also to determine what course had better be pursued.

This committee to report their action to the president of this meeting, who shall then call a meeting of the people by a call in the papers. The following named gentlemen were appointed as said committee: Chas. Blanchard, Mr. Wheelock, W. H. Shupp, Mr. Hilt, Trinidad Romero, O. L. Houghton and Jose A. Baca. The meeting then adjourned to await the action of the committee.

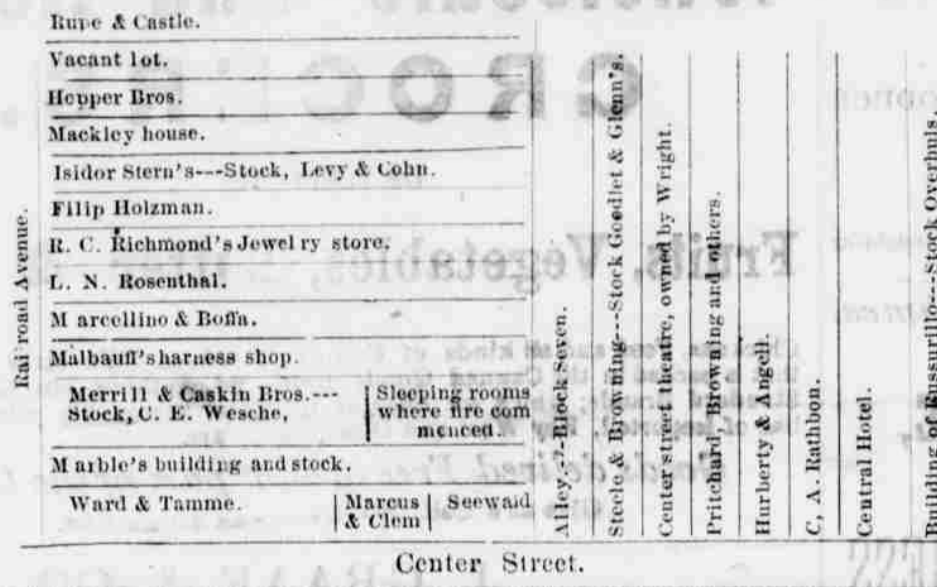
HISTORY OF THE FIRE.

As night settled down upon the Gallinas Valley in which lies the marvelous young city of East Las Vegas, it left a horror-stricken populace, paralyzed with a sense of their loss wandering about almost in a state of bewilderment.

The most terrible of reverses had taken place in one short hour and the smouldering ashes with a lingering flame here and there were left to tell the tale of how the principal business block and the focus of the largest trade between Emporia and Guaymas had vanished; while on the adjacent prairie the erogenously collected were the stocks of merchandise which the owners had hastily removed. The drunken good-for-nothings who make such an occasion the opportunity for excessive indulgence in liquor floundered around among the debris and speckled liberally upon the incidents and possibilities and probabilities of the disaster which had just taken place and cost us \$175,000.

HOW IT STARTED.

In the rear of Marble's grocery in East Las Vegas, was his residence in one part of which was used a sheet iron stove (which by the way is fit only for the open air) it upset and started a fire in the apartment which



was at once beyond control. The wind being W. S. W. blowing only moderately the fire spread in all directions at about the same rate. The whole town was aroused at once and the dense smoke which arose brought every man from the old town who could leave his position.

Not a word was heard above the cracking of the doubly dried timbers; everybody with any sense went to work and helped to remove the stocks of merchandise, quietly submitting to what was plainly inevitable.

Then if never before was it realized how utterly helpless is that community in such a crisis as this which has no fire department. The die was cast and as an occasional gust of wind drove the flames to an extraordinary height so that they almost lapped over to the immense warehouse of Brown and Manzanares and Otero, Sellar, & Co., on the east, it seemed that the doom of utter extinction had settled upon the pride of the great south-west.

Immense quantities of goods were piled along the wire fence which surrounded the warehouse of Brown & Manzanares only to be ignited a moment after by the falling sparks, so that it was necessary to move them again in order to save them.

Blankets were promptly applied to the row of buildings occupying the north side of center street as also to the warehouse on the east side of Railroad avenue. Salt was liberally distributed upon the roofs of the latter and the prompt measures adopted by the owners, soon seemed to guarantee the safety of the property.

A case of cartridges took fire in one of the stores on Railroad avenue and their continuous explosions lasted for some time, scattering everybody who feared injury from them.

There is no story of the progress of the fire. It simply advanced without any interruption on the fated block. There was absolutely no united action to save it.

At one time Col. Mills, and others, who was on the roof of Levy, Cohn & Co's building, attempted to tear away the wood front, hoping that the tin roof and adobe walls might offer resistance to the advancing flames but the heat became unbearable and the work was abandoned.

The next plan was to blow up Hopper Bros. building with a keg of powder, but some one in a frantic state of mind, prevented it and offered to knock any one down who destroyed the building, believing it would not burn.

Almost all of Rupe & Castle's valuable stock was successfully removed and the loss of sheds is by no means total.

The insane attempt was made to tear down the theatre building on Center street when the fire was already up'ner the eaves. A keg of gunpowder in the New York Bakery would have saved the buildings on the west and lessened the danger to the next block north.

It three different times the flames started up on the blankets which hung over the Hilty Bros. block and water thrown upon the iron face of the meat market on the corner was converted at once into steam, by the excessive heat.

The young man who guarded Hilty's building and the one west of it, (we could not learn his name) who wore a light hat, deserves distinction for his courage and perseverance in fighting the heat which the winds sent to him from the fire.

It was wholly impossible to get an estimate of losses last night. The exhausted merchants could not collect their thoughts and if they did they could not make a reliable guess at the amount of goods saved.

It is safe to say, however, that the

salvage will be large, as the slow progress of the fire allowed almost everybody to move all their goods, although at considerable loss from rough handling.

A man unknown dislocated his wrist in getting off of Whiteman's building.

We print a diagram of the burnt district.

Hotels are all crowded to the utmost capacity as there were many men who roomed in nooks and corners of the burned districts.

The protection of property,—which is now exposed, was placed in hands of the San Miguel rifles who were called out about 6 o'clock. Several arrests have been made.

A great deal of plunder was carried on by some of those who were pretending to serve merchants.

McDonald opened a barrel of beer which flowed freely for all who asked it.

Several of the owners of destroyed property were questioned last evening, and nearly all are already looking toward replacing their buildings with substantial adobe. The lesson is a very effective one and after the bitterness of the chastening has been somewhat forgotten, we will see that what has caused 175,000 dollars loss now, in two more years would have caused four times that even under the same circumstances as those of yesterday's conflagration.

Messrs. Mills & Hadley kindly furnished us with the following list of insurance which they had on the property burned.

Rosenthal, \$6,500, as follows: Home \$1,000, Scottish Commercial \$2,000, Continental \$1,500, Hamburg, Magdeburg \$1,000, St. Paul Fire and Marine \$1,000.

Holzman \$4,000 as follows: Home \$500, German American \$1,000, Scottish Commercial \$1,000, Continental \$1,000, St. Paul 500.

Whiteman & Cohn \$1,500 as follows: Hamburg Magdeburg \$500, Scottish Commercial \$1,000.

Levy Cohn & Co., \$4,500 as follows: Mercantile Marine \$1,000, Fire Association \$1,000, Continental, \$1,000, Hamburg Magdeburg Ins. Co. \$1,500.

Ward & Tamme \$1,000 as follows: Hamburg Magdeburg \$325, Continental \$325, Scottish Commercial \$350.

Rupe & Castle \$6,000 as follows: Home \$1,000, Star \$1,500, Hamburg Magdeburg \$2,000, Mercantile Marine \$1,500.

C. E. Wesche \$1,000 in St. Paul Fire and Marine.

Marens & Clemm \$600 in the St. Paul Fire and Marine.

Hopper Bros. \$1,000 as follows: German American \$500, Hamburg Magdeburg \$500.

Rathburn & Co., \$900 as follows: \$300, Argentine Fire of Denver \$600 St. Paul.

Ladner \$1,500, as follows: Home, \$1,000; Argentine Fire of Denver, \$500.

Malboeff, \$400 in the Argentine.

Herbert & Co., \$560 in the Magdeburg.

Mackley, \$700 in the Hamburg Magdeburg Company.

Making a total insurance by Mills & Hadley of \$30,100. Telegrams were sent immediately to the various companies and prompt adjustment of losses may be expected through their agents.

The firm had concluded that they would withdraw all risks from the block that burned on the first of next month;—but the first of next month was too late, and their companies are in for the losses. The strangest coincidence of the affair is that Col. Mills, standing on the sidewalk in conversation with Mr. Lockhart, said, "I am getting afraid of this town. It will burn before 60 days, and we will withdraw everything from this row

before the first of October." The sentence had hardly been dropped when there was a cry of fire, and a large majority of the truth in Col. Mills' prophecy was fulfilled before sundown.

BROWNING & STEELE'S RISKS. Levy, Cohn & Co., in Liverpool, London and Globe, \$1,000; Springfield, 1,000.

C. E. Wesche, in Springfield, \$1,000, in Colorado, \$500.

New York Bakery, owned by Pritchard, Browning, et al., in Springfield \$500, in Colorado \$250.

Steele & Browning, in Colorado \$500.

Huberty & Angell, in Colorado, \$200.

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MRS. R. J. HAMILTON, has opened her DRESS-MAKING SHOP at a house directly opposite the depot East Las Vegas, N. M. and as she is an old resident of Vegas, she is ready once more to CUT, FIT AND MAKE DRESSES for her old friends and new ones. Satisfaction guaranteed or no charges.

Wanted:—A good reliable woman to cook and do general house work in a private family in the country. Good wages will be paid but none need apply unless well recommended, and no engagement will be made for less than six months, after one week's trial. This will be a good permanent home for a person giving satisfaction. Address Richard Dunn, Rincon, N. M.

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FOR SALE.—A house situated on the Hot Springs road, near the house of Louise Pinar. Two rooms, sixty feet front on the road and one hundred and fifty back. To be sold cheap for money. For information inquire at this office. 41-20 t.

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FOR SALE.—A good sixteen horse power steam engine, all in running order and large enough to run a flour mill. Any person desiring to see it running can do so any day at my plating mill at Las Vegas. Apply for terms to JOHN B. WOOTEN, 238-11

FOR RENT.—A fine large store room on the Plaza, excellently situated for business and at low figures. For particulars apply at this office. 11

MISCELLANEOUS. Notice to Contractors. Sealed bids will be received at the Superintendent's office, up to 3 o'clock p. m., Thursday, the 18th inst., in Santa Fe, for the construction of a hotel. Plans and specifications can be seen at the Superintendent's office in Santa Fe, or at the office of Chas. Wheelock, architect, at Las Vegas. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. All bids will be addressed to Henry Reed, superintendent of construction, care of Z. Staab & Co., Santa Fe. By order of the committee, September 9th, 1880.

Important Notice. For the benefit of our citizens who go east, the late issue of this paper will be kept on file in the ticket office of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy rail road, at 59 Clark street, Chicago, Ill., where they are privileged to call and read it free. 28-11

Hot Springs Hack Line.—J. D. Wolf is now running a hack line between the Hot Springs and town. Hacks will leave the Hot Springs for town at 7 a. m., and 1 p. m., and leave town for the Hot Springs at 10 a. m., and 2 p. m. Leave orders at any of the hotels. 28-11

Hack and Express Line Between Las Vegas and Mora. Hack will leave St. Nicholas Hotel on each Monday and Thursday, at 10 a. m. Single trip \$4.—Round trip tickets, \$5.00. All baggage over 50 lbs., charged extra. Express carried through in six hours at reasonable rates. Connections made with good conveyances for Watrous, Taos and all points north. J. W. CARTER, Prop'r.

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