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Beaver Swept by Fire Monday Morning

THE DREAD OF MANY YEARS
AT LAST COMES TO PASS

Our Entire Business Block in Ashes In Less Than Two Hours

It has been said, "The unexpected always happens." Not so, in the case of the conflagration of early Monday morning. For many years, the warning has been echoed in the ears of every resident of Beaver; in speaking of fires, "our time is coming" thus it was that the conflagration which has just swept over us and laid bare one entire business block, was a surprise to no one and on every hand could be heard the remark, "well it is no more than I expected."

At about 1 o'clock Monday morning J. W. Mensinger and Warbas Provost, who had been sitting in the Mensinger Studio, went to the Postoffice with some mail. Depositing the same in the mail box, they started on down the street when Mensinger stated that he smelled smoke and upon investigation it was found that the entire interior of the "Top" Thomas barber shop was in a blaze. The alarm was quickly given and men, women and children were soon on the scene with buckets, tubs and every conceivable receptacle for water, but the fire had gained such headway that it was out of the question to attempt to check it. By quick work much goods were saved from the buildings but the buildings themselves were a total loss and today only the charred embers and crumbled cement walls are left to mark the spot where a number of prosperous establishments once greeted the eye.

Had it not been for the fact that the night was a calm one, it is beyond question that the whole town would have now been but a heap of smoldering ruins. As it was it took heroic work to save the east side of the street. The gentle zephyrs of an ideal night was fanned into a stiff breeze by the intense heat of the burning buildings and at times the flames swept almost across the street and more than once it was thought that in spite of the desperate effort to save them, that the buildings on the east side would go too. Burning shingles were carried to adjoining roofs and alleys and a cloud of sparks settled over everything, but the attention of the vast crowd was turned to protecting the east side of the street and by soaking the roofs and fronts of the buildings and shielding them with saturated comforts and blankets and keeping a strict watch of alleys, every small blaze was controlled before it gained headway.

A more heroic crowd of men and women never turned out to battle the fire fiend and too much cannot be said in honor of every one of them. Not a shirker was in the crowd. The man who did not own one cent's interest in the town worked alongside the fellow whose every interest was at stake and never stopped until the last ember was extinguished.

The origin of the fire will probably never be known except that it started in the barber shop. Just how it started is not known and can only be conjectured. Mr. Thomas states that he was not in the shop after 8 o'clock Sunday. His wife was in the shop about dusk to get a bundle of soiled towels. Neither of them had a fire of any kind in the building. R. E. Judd, an employee of the shop, in company with Mr. Seeley, went in the shop between 10 and 10:30 P. M., to get a deck of cards but he states that he did not light a lamp nor strike a match nor does not know that Seeley did so. Mr. Judd states they were only in the shop long enough to procure the cards and that he knew where to put his hands on them, and that they then went to Clifford Lewis' room at the White House hotel. Be that as it may, the fire originated and in consequence property to the value of over \$25,000 has gone up in smoke.

Under the circumstances we cannot see that anyone is to blame except that our town is and always has been a fire-trap with practically no protection and it is only another case of "locking the barn door after the horse has been stolen." The fire has come and some of our people have felt it heavily. They have the utmost sympathy of all and we are sure that their losses will be remembered and shared, as much as possible, by the good people of Beaver who escaped. It has been a sad lesson for Beaver but let us profit by this object lesson and install better fire-fighting facilities so that in future we may not suffer a repetition of this dire calamity.

So far as we were able to learn the losses were about as follows:

J. D. Niles, cement store building, total loss, value \$2000. Insurance \$1000.
W. N. Stafford, stock of merchandise in above building, total loss, value \$3000.00, no insurance.
Journal Printing office, owned by W. T. Quinn, total loss, value \$2000.00, no insurance.

O. J. Loofbourrow, bakery and meat market buildings, total loss, value \$600.00, no insurance.

D. R. Watson, bakery, loss about \$500.00, no insurance.

G. H. Rush, meat market and household goods, total loss, value \$750.00, no insurance.

J. D. Stone, pool hall and building, total loss, value \$1000.00, insured for \$300.

G. Struelli, building occupied by "Top" Thomas barber shop, total loss, value \$200, no insurance.

"Top" Thomas, barber shop fixtures, total loss, \$300, with no insurance.

J. W. Savage and Dr. L. L. Long, building occupied by Dr. Long, loss \$200, no insurance.

Dr. L. L. Long, medical books, instruments, etc., loss \$300, no insurance.

Johnson & Davis, loss \$50, no insurance.

Geo. Metzger building occupied by W. C. Frazer, loss \$100, no insurance.

W. C. Frazer, loss in law books, abstract blanks etc. \$300, no insurance.

V. Watson, photograph gallery, partial loss \$200, no insurance.

Henry Meese, building occupied by O. D. Smith & Son, total loss, value \$4500, no insurance.

O. D. Smith & Son, stock of merchandise, value \$10,000. Insurance \$2000. Total loss except about \$2000, worth of badly mixed stock but not damaged by fire or water.

J. C. Hodge, office building, value \$1400, total loss, insured for \$600.

Thos. P. Braidwood, loss of \$150, in abstract blanks and miscellaneous papers.

Dr. J. A. Miller, dentist, loss \$100 or \$150, covered by insurance.

A. S. Dickson, loss of \$75, in law books, papers, etc., no insurance.

Claude T. Smith, loss of \$75, in law books, papers, etc., no insurance.

Beaver County jail building, fixtures and furniture, total loss, value \$5000, no insurance.

Sheriff D. P. Miller, personal property in jail building \$150, loss no insurance.

At this time some are undecided, but for the most part, those in the fire district are located temporarily in other quarters and will continue in business.

We trust that from the ashes of the destroyed buildings a bigger and better business block will rise and that in the early future the buildings of the east side of the street may be re-placed by more substantial structures so that there need be no re-occurrence of the dire calamity that has just befallen us.

It takes a brave heart to face the trials of loss unflinchingly but the men and women of west side Douglas avenue are made of the kind of stuff that knows no failure and they will rise again in spite of adversity.

Local News.

The HERALD for all the latest news.

F. J. Bidsall was a business visitor from Madison Saturday.

Representative A. W. Tooley was a Beaver caller Saturday.

Slates, tablets, chalk and all school supplies at Tracy's Drug Store.

Mrs. Nettie Brown is still on the sick list but is doing well.

Dr. L. S. Munsell is under the weather this week.

Mrs. A. E. Lightfoot has been quite sick the past week but is improving.

MORTGAGE RELEASE Blanks for sale at the HERALD office in any quantity.

May Stone has had the "swell head" over a case of the mumps the past week.

A number of cases of measles are reported in the community. All are recovering nicely.

Mrs. A. G. Thomas was quite sick the past week but is improved at this writing.

DRY CLEANING, DYEING and PRESSING. Call on Mrs. W. H. Robertson at the millinery store.

Politics are warming up. The "political handshake" is on in full blast. Kissing the babies is next in order.

Jim Baker was in from his Hibbs farm Saturday. He reports wheat looking fine and not badly in need of rain.

FOR SALE—Horses and Mares. Well worth the money. Enquire of W. H. DANIELSON, Beaver City, Okla. 4-28 5-32t

SWEET WILLIAM—An old buggy can be made to look like new by applying Gloss Black Perna-Lac on the gearing. Sold by F. C. Tracy.

Detweiler, "The Land Man" may be seen at the law office of A. S. Dickson, in the Hodge building. See him for any kind of a land deal.

Miss Laura Mackey returned to Beaver Friday last, after a ten days visit in the eastern part of the state.

J. W. Savage and wife are occupying the Bulick property until the completion of their new home which they will soon construct in South Beaver.

Foley Kidney Pills are antiseptic, tonic and restorative and a prompt corrective of all urinary irregularities. Refuse substitutes. For sale by F. C. Tracy.

Frank Maple is having the Savage property, which he recently purchased, repaired and remodeled this week and will soon occupy the same with his family.

Foley Kidney Pills contain in concentrated form ingredients of established therapeutic value for the relief and cure of all kidney and bladder ailments. Sold by F. C. Tracy.

A severe hail storm did much damage in eastern Kansas last week. Fruit and gardens were riddled, great damage was felt by the greenhouses in the loss of glass as well as plants.

The splendid work of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets is daily coming to light. No such grand remedy for liver and bowel troubles was ever known before. Thousands bless them for curing constipation, sick headache, biliousness, jaundice and indigestion. Sold by F. C. Tracy.

L. M. Larsen called at this office the past week and renewed for the HERALD ordering same sent to his new home at Florence, Grant county, in future.

Mr. Larsen and family departed for their new home Tuesday of this week.



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A Beaver County singing Convention will be held at Gray, Oklahoma, the last Saturday and Sunday in May. All singers and singing societies are requested to be present. Send in your selection as soon as possible, to go on program, to R. L. Crowell, Balco, Oklahoma.

Never hesitate about giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to children. It contains no opium or other narcotics and can be given with implicit confidence. As a quick cure for coughs and colds for which children are susceptible, it is unsurpassed. Sold by F. C. Tracy.

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Tom Weaver, of Hibbs, who sold out recently and went to Illinois, has returned to Beaver county to stay. They will return. Welcome home.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will clear the sour stomach, sweeten the breath and create a healthy appetite. They promote the flow of gastric juice, thereby inducing good digestion. Sold by F. C. Tracy

Mrs. Sophia Currier, of Ashland, is a guest of her sisters Miss Adelia Albers and Mrs. B. P. Russell this week. She also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albers, of Six Mile.

The Presbyterian Church is being remodeled and repaired to some extent this week. The ceiling will be raised and arched and the plain windows will be replaced by stained glass. About \$150.00 will be expended in repairs. This work will add greatly to the comfort and appearance of this edifice.

Post cards of the big Beaver fire for sale at Mensingers Studio.

Get your post cards of the Beaver fire at Mensingers Studio.

Miss Pascolla Carlisle, of Floris, was a Beaver caller Wednesday.

H. M. Bulick and family were Beaver shoppers Saturday.

O. A. Farham is among the new additions to our list the past week.

Keep Out.

All wolf hunters are warned to keep out of the J. E. George pasture. W. R. OLINSTEAD, Foreman.

John D. Rockefeller would go broke if he should spend his entire income trying to prepare a better medicine than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for diarrhoea, dysentery or bowal complaints. It is simply impossible, and so says every one that has used it. Sold by F. C. Tracy

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