

The basement of the Finley school house caught fire last Thursday forenoon and only for the gallant service of the fire department and Dr. Bacharach's cistern of wet rain water, the building might have been totally destroyed. When the blaze was extinguished it was found that only the joists of the first floor were badly charred, and Attorney Carpenter was suddenly cooled by the prompt application of four barrels of water, then the excitement ceased. They were fortunate in saving their school building, which had a very close call. The fire is believed to have started from the furnace.

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