

FIRE

While filling the gasoline tank of his coffee heater yesterday morning Ben E. Nelson accidentally spilled some of the gasoline over behind the tank, and his cook, not being aware of that fact when he was ready to light the wick to heat coffee for breakfast soon after, proceeded to light it and the oil immediately took fire. The blaze shot desperately up the wall, and threatened to reduce the town to ashes, but Mr. Nelson soon brought his chemical engine to bear upon the flames and the fire was soon under control. However, Mr. Nelson is a heavy loser, there being fourteen oyster crackers and nine ginger snaps totally destroyed by the torrents of water that were thrown upon the fire, in addition to the damage the water did to furniture and fixtures. No insurance and the loss is total.
