

# DISASTROUS FIRE

## VISITS LUVERNE

### Boy Lost Life When Three Buildings Burned Last Saturday

Morning.

The disastrous fire which visited Luverne last Saturday morning, in which one child perished and three buildings were destroyed, is taken from the Fargo Courier-News. One of the buildings burned was occupied by Julius Peterson, a brother of the Times scribe, formerly of Binford, as a print shop and home:

Asa, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Baker, was burned to death Saturday morning about 7:30 o'clock, in a fire which destroyed three frame buildings. His parents barely escaped with their lives. Three traveling men in the lodging house escaped with nothing worse than singed hair and eyebrows, and the loss of their grips.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker and the child were asleep in the front room of the lodging house over the barber shop in which the fire started. Mrs. Baker who was sick in bed following an operation, was carried to safety by her husband, but the child asleep in the same room could not be reached in time.

A barber shop and lodging house, George Folsness, proprietor, and Svend Svenningson, owner, is a total loss with contents; and the restaurant, of which Ole Valvik was owner and proprietor, is a total loss with no insurance on the building, which was valued at \$1200. The fixtures were saved. From the printing office, of which Julius Peterson was owner, the type, presses, etc., were saved, and the furniture of Mr. Peterson who, lived in the rear of the shop. The building owned by Ole Jacobson was a total loss. The restaurant changed hands only Tuesday Mr. William Baker being the former owner. The fire started from the water in the barber shop. The barber had just lighted it, and gone out to the kitchen stove. In a few minutes, the wall was ablaze. With no fire protection in the town, and the buildings, frame structures dry as tinder, the flames could not be checked.