

Blaze in Marsalek Building

FIRE SATURDAY MORNING DESTROYS HOUSEHOLD GOODS OF W. W. WRIGHT.

SAVE THE STRUCTURE

QUICK ACTION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AVERTS SERIOUS LOSS.

Fire broke out in the building owned by George Marsalek in the west end of town, Saturday morning, shortly before 8 o'clock. The tenant, W. W. Wright, was in the act of preparing the morning meal, his family being absent on a trip to points in Minnesota, and used a gasoline stove for that purpose when for some unaccountable reason the gas reservoir exploded, throwing a sheet of flame all through the building. The force of the explosion threw Mr. Wright thru the opening of the door but he luckily escaped any injury with the exception of a severe shaking up which left him in a dazed condition for a short time.

Neighbors, perceiving the blaze caused by the explosion, immediately turned in a fire alarm and in about three minutes, thanks to the quick and concentrated action of the fire department, a stream of water was thrown on the conflagration which confined the fire to the inner portion of the building and soon extinguished it entirely. Very little damage was done to the building but all the furniture was burned or rendered valueless by smoke and water.

A bucket brigade was put into action by several citizens, before the arrival of the fire apparatus, and this had much to do with preventing the spread of the flames. The response of the department was so prompt however that the fire had very little

chance to make any great headway.

The household furniture which was owned by the tenant, W. W. Wright, was valued at \$1300 and was insured for \$800.

The owner of the building, George Marsalek, carried only \$600 insurance and the loss is considered about one-third or more, though no assessment has been made as yet by the insurance company but is expected to be attended to in a few days.

Much praise is due to the fire department and its chief, T. J. Walsh, for their prompt action. Everything worked in fine shape and in the most speedy manner possible with the equipment at hand. The hose cart was rushed to the scene of the fire in double quick order and as the engine was in fine working order the sign for water had hardly been given before the hose began to inflate and plenty of water was at the command of the nozzle-men. The citizens have reason to feel proud of their efficient fire protection and it is safe to say that few, if any, towns of this size in the state can excel if equal it.

Teachers Wanted

The Board of Corrine School District No. 23 desires to engage the services of two teachers for the consolidated school for the next term. One must be a qualified teacher holding a first-grade certificate to teach in the state of North Dakota who shall serve as principal of the school and teach the upper grades; a man teacher is preferred for this position. The applicant for teaching the lower grades must be the holder of a good, second grade certificate.

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