

There was a lively time in the basement of the courthouse and upstairs in the offices for a few minutes last Saturday morning. T. O. Hetager was trying to get a stone out of the bottom of the Acetylene gas tank when it exploded, throwing Hetager to the wall. He had presence of mind, however, to seize a blanket and smother the flames putting the fire out without any damage. Up in the auditor's office were Sheriff Thinglestad, Auditor Melgard and Nic Green. The concussion raised the sheriff off the floor two feet, also his hair, which hasn't come down yet. Nic Green forgot that he had bunions and ran faster than a Mexican mustang. He has returned after being flagged by a farmer south of town. Melgard it is said, went up in the air and executed some fancy gymnastics and blew away his opposition for county auditor. Fortunately no one was hurt but several of them badly scared. Hetager was scratching around inside the tank and in doing so must have ignited a spark and caused the explosion.