

# FATAL FIRE AT LUVERNE

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## Mr. Baker's Young Son Caught in Burning Building and Loses Life.

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Our neighboring town of Luverne was the scene of a disastrous conflagration last Saturday morning when the barber shop, printing office and Mr. Baker's restaurant burned to the ground.

The fire originated in the barber shop from a gasoline stove used to heat water. Gas was just being generated when the tank or connections sprung a leak and in a minute the whole room was wrapped in flames. Alarm was instantly given but so rapid was the spread of the flames, that Mr. Baker just had time to run up-stairs and carry down his wife, who was ill, and before he could return for his five-year-old son, the fire had gained such headway that he was unable to reach him. Ladders were raised both at the front and rear windows in efforts to reach the child but in vain. He perished in the flames.

The buildings were totally destroyed but all the fixtures in both the restaurant and printing office were moved out before the fire gained headway sufficient to check approach to those buildings.

Mr. Baker had just sold his restaurant business to O. Kvolvik, of Fargo, and it is reported that the new owner had already taken over the business.

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