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The Sutton Mercantile company's store was completely destroyed by fire, Saturday evening, May 17th. It seems that the gasoline tank of the lighting plant had been filled and gotten in readiness for use during the evening. It is probable that sufficient gasoline vapor evaporated in to the room to make an explosive mixture, and that in some manner this vapor was ignited causing an explosion and a resultant rapid spread of the flames, that made it impossible to save any of the goods. We do not know the amount of insurance carried, but the loss is undoubtedly a large one, and a hard blow to those who have spent so many years building up and developing the business.

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