

SUPPLEMENT TO The Hope Pioneer.

HOPE, NORTH DAKOTA, NOVEMBER 19TH 1908.

Old Landmark Gone!

The Hope House Burned to the Ground this Evening at 7:45. Two Small Buildings Burned. Heroic Work of the Fire Department and Citizens Saved the Town.

About 8 o'clock this evening fire was discovered in the upstairs of the Hope House. The alarm was given at once and the town turned out in full force to fight the fire fiend. It was apparent from the first, however, that the building could not be saved, and the entire attention of the department was given to saving the adjoining buildings which was accomplished after a heroic fight. The weather conditions were the most favorable that could have obtained. The wind being in the south, the flames were not carried toward any other large buildings, and to this is due the fact that the rest of the town was saved.

Some furniture and bedding was saved from the building, but nearly all the furnishings which belonged to landlord Tomlinson, were burned. The loss on contents is estimated at \$5000, with \$3000 insurance.

The building was one of the largest hotel structures in the state outside of Fargo and Grand Forks, being a three story building 50 feet wide by 110 feet long. It contained about 60 sleeping rooms on the second and third floor, besides the large parlors and drawing rooms, the lower

floor being occupied by dining room, lobbies, barber shop, Edwards, Wood and Co.'s office, etc.

The old landmark was erected in 1882, being one of the oldest buildings in town, and when built is said to have cost \$25,000. It is practically a total loss to the owners, Wamberg & Jacobson, as the insurance carried was small.

Considerable damage was done to the drug stock of Wamberg & Jacobson, the general stock of Carpenter & Warner and the contents of the Palace Restaurant by their removal to the street. The bicycle shop of H. H. Fulmer, at the rear of the drug store, valued at \$250, and Carpenter & Warner's coal shed were also burned.

Total loss by fire and damage is estimated at about \$31,000.

NOTES.

It was a close call.

The boys are good fighters.

It was about an hour and thirty minutes from the time the fire was discovered until the building was in ashes.

No lives were lost.

Part of the Londale Theatre Co. took refuge in the opera

house for the night.

"Many lives were saved by Peruna."

The Theatre Co. boys turned in and worked like heroes.

Mrs. Bowen, assisted by several other ladies, served excellent coffee, which was highly appreciated.

The boys on the roofs of the Wamberg & Jacobson and Carpenter & Warner's buildings certainly did good work, some getting quite badly scorched.

There was some lively work done by the thirty guests in trying to save their personal effects.

Kraabel, Johnson & Co. were making preparations to move their large stock.

We understand that the Caselton Fire Department had their entire equipment loaded on a flat car and train made up ready to start for Hope in case the fire spread to the other buildings. The Finley Fire Department also volunteered to come in case they were needed.

B. F. Walden, who is out of town, lost all his personal effects.